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Port tells port crews to resume all work

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter

AVIV. — The regional labour union here yesterday ordered the Asdod port workers to resume their go-slow strike immediately. Responding to the request of the Israel Ports Authority, the union's executive committee decided to end the strike. The union's chairman, Shimon Ben-David, said the workers had agreed to resume work after a meeting with the port authority. The workers had been on a go-slow strike since Monday, protesting the port authority's decision to allow foreign ships to call at the port. The union's chairman said the workers had agreed to resume work after a meeting with the port authority. The workers had been on a go-slow strike since Monday, protesting the port authority's decision to allow foreign ships to call at the port. The union's chairman said the workers had agreed to resume work after a meeting with the port authority.



Passers-by look agape at the remains of the buses, following yesterday's bomb blast in Jerusalem.

Vote delayed on tax bills in Knesset

By ARYEH RUBINSTEIN
Post Knesset Reporter

Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orad yesterday presented two tax bills to the Knesset, as part of his programme to rescue the economy. Both are temporary measures that will expire on March 31, 1985. The first levies a 10 per cent surtax on any income of an individual over IS3.3 million a year (IS275,000 a month) at September 1983 prices. The second applies to persons with up to three children, whose marginal income tax is 50 per cent or more (i.e., whose monthly income is over IS100,000). Such persons will be taxed on the allowances paid by the National Insurance Institute for their first two children. At the conclusion of his speech, Cohen-Orad announced that since he was due to meet later in the evening with industrialists on the profitability of exports, he would be unable to reply to the debate last night. Alignment members suspected that Cohen-Orad was deferring his reply because he knew that he didn't have the votes to carry the bill. (Continued on Page 2, Col. 6)

Arafat and men due for evacuation soon

TRIPOLI, Lebanon (AP). — PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat and some 4,000 of his loyalists will leave for Tunisia and North Yemen aboard Greek ships expected to arrive in this port city "within a few days," a senior Arafat aide said yesterday.

Khalik Wazir, "Abu Jihad" Arafat's military chief, said in an interview that Arafat had formally asked the Greek government for help in evacuating the terrorists from the city and Greece has agreed. Wazir said, "More than 4,000 will be evacuated. The chairman's first stop will be Tunis. Some fighters will go with him, others to North Yemen, and from there they will be distributed to all places where the forces of the (Palestinian) revolution are present." He said the ships would fly "both the flag of the Lebanese government and the United Nations." Wazir said the terrorists would be leaving with their weapons. He said Lebanese police and security forces and units from Lebanese militias in this city "will provide security for the gathering fighters before their departure and will be in charge of security in the camps after the evacuation." He was referring to the Nahr el-Bared and Baddawi Palestinian refugee camps outside Tripoli. The two camps, home for some 45,000 refugees, fell to elements hostile to Arafat during heavy fighting that preceded a Saudi-mediated ceasefire on November 25. Wazir said the agreement on the security force was reached after Syria had rejected Arafat's suggestion that Arab observers, preferably Saudi Arabians, oversee the evacuation. Wazir said the PLO chairman would hold Palestinian leadership meetings on arrival in Tunis "to map out the political strategy for the coming period after the evacuation from Tripoli," Arafat's last. (Continued on Page 2, Col. 1)

Heavy machine-gun fire directed at marine base

BEIRUT (AP). — The U.S. Marine base came under heavy machine-gun fire at Beirut's international airport yesterday and the marines responded with tank guns and anti-tank weapons, a marine spokesman reported.

It was the first attack on the American contingent of the multinational peacekeeping force since an artillery barrage on Sunday killed eight marines and wounded two others. "At 5 p.m. today our eastern perimeter received heavy, concentrated machine-gun fire from a fortified position," a marine spokesman said. "The marines responded, and the fighting ceased. It stopped immediately. There were no casualties," he said. The spokesman added that the sundown attack was in the same area where the marines were hit on Sunday. The marines have already refitted and again manned Checkpoint 76 where they were fatally hit two days ago. The flare-up at the marine base came about two hours after U.S. jets were reported to have flown fresh reconnaissance sorties over Syrian positions in Lebanon's central mountains. Local radio stations said the jets drew no ground fire despite Syrian threats always to shoot at intruding American warplanes. Five formations of F-14 Tomcat interceptors, each made up of two jets, streaked over Beirut at mid-afternoon and headed in the direction of the mountains northeast of Beirut where Syrian gunners on Sunday downed two American fighter-bombers, witnesses said. State-run Beirut Radio and privately-owned radio stations said the jets flew reconnaissance missions over Beirut, the hills overlooking the U.S. marine base and the central Lebanese mountains. The new flights came a day after Syrian Defence Minister Lt. Gen. Mustafa Tlass said in Damascus that "our armed forces will always confront any foreign aircraft that flies over our positions." Beirut's Moleen sector was largely closed by a strike called yesterday to protest against a car bomb explosion that wrecked a nine-storey apartment building on Monday, killing 16 people and injuring more than 100. A group calling itself "The Front for the Liberation of Lebanon from Foreigners" claimed responsibility for the bombing in West Beirut's residential neighbourhood of Tarik Jedida.

4 dead, 43 injured in Jerusalem bus explosion

Hospitals' disaster units work smoothly after bombing

By MARGERY GREENFELD
and ERNIE MEYER
Jerusalem Post Reporters

Within minutes of the blast, a loudspeaker summoned medical personnel to the emergency room at Shaare Zedek Hospital, less than 300 metres away. Doctors, nurses and paramedics were ready waiting when the first carloads of wounded arrived. "We heard a tremendous explosion, the windows rattled and we knew immediately that this wasn't just a sonic boom," hospital spokesman Elhanan Peis told The Jerusalem Post. The alert to receive mass casualties was broadcast over the loudspeaker system, and medical personnel swarmed to the emergency room from all the wards. "The front hall was instantly transformed into a receiving room for the 35 wounded who arrived at the hospital within minutes." The arrivals were quickly classified according to the severity of their wounds and priorities for treatment were established, the head of the emergency room, Dr. Ya'acov Adler said. "The most serious problems were burns, multiple cuts, eye injuries and injuries to the respiratory system. Almost all the wounded suffered from hearing problems from the intensity of the blast, and many had punctured eardrums," Adler said.

By ROBERT ROSENBERG
and MICHAEL EILAN
Jerusalem Post Reporters

In the worst bombing in the capital since 1978, a bomb planted in a Jerusalem bus yesterday killed four people and wounded another 43. Police arrested 56 Arabs, of whom all but four were released within a few hours. Nurit Pollack, 14, Eti Adi, 11, and Yehuda Kaplan, 77, were killed when the 12:30 p.m. explosion tore apart a crowded number 18 Egged bus as it was stopped at a red light on Sderot Herzl not far from Shaare Zedek hospital and the Mt. Herzl cemetery. The name of the fourth person killed, a 35-year-old man, has not been released. Three people were still in serious condition last night at Shaare Zedek, while another five were in serious condition at Hadassah Hospital, Ein Kerem. Of the original 43 wounded, 16 were released from Shaare Zedek, which was still holding 21 last night; and three were released from Hadassah, where 10 people were still hospitalized last night. The explosive device, police sources said, "was very, very large," but no specific size was mentioned last night as laboratory experts sifted through piles of debris collected by policemen on the scene. However, one well-informed police source estimated that the bomb might have contained as much as five kilograms of high explosives. Another source said that it was too early to tell how the bomb was put together, but he confirmed reports that it had been stuffed with nails. The device was placed underneath a seat opposite the back door of the bus, and when it exploded it tore the roof off the bus, ripped open the sides, and sent glass flying in all directions, including the playground sandbox of a school 100 metres away. A number 21 bus, immediately behind the 18, was damaged by the explosion, and its front windshield caved in on the driver. Five passengers on the number 21 bus were wounded. Police, Magen David Adom ambulances, Border Police and other authorities including Transport Minister Haim Coru, arrived on the scene within minutes. The nearby Shaare Zedek hospital went on alert at the sound of the explosion (see story this page) and motorists in passing cars stopped to help take wounded to hospital. While doctors dealt with the victims and survivors, police and sappers began studying the remains of the gutted bus. Volunteers, including students from a nearby yeshiva and other neighbours helped collect debris. Police rounded up suspects from areas along the route, but conceded last night after releasing all but four, that the bomb could have been put on board anywhere along the route's 35 stops. The Egged driver, Shmuel Mizrahi, insisted yesterday that he had checked the bus before setting out. Tat Nitzav Rahamin Comfort, Jerusalem sub-district police commander. (Continued on Page 2, Col. 6)

PLO claims responsibility

NICOSIA (AP). — The Palestine Liberation Organization yesterday claimed responsibility for the bomb attack, it was reported by WAFU, the official Palestinian news agency. The Nicosia-based news agency said in a dispatch from the northern Lebanese city of Tripoli that the claim was made in a communique issued by "the Palestinian military spokesman," who was not named. The text of the communique as reported by WAFU said: "Under instructions of the general command of the Palestinian revolution's forces to the guerrilla units in the occupied territories, a guerrilla unit of 'Martyr Halim' was able today to detonate explosive charges inside an Israeli military bus. The explosive charges went off this afternoon while the bus was crossing Herzl Street in the centre of west Jerusalem. "More than 40 Israeli military personnel were either killed or seriously injured." Meanwhile, Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir vowed last night that the perpetrators of the Jerusalem bus bombing "shall not go unpunished." In a brief statement issued by his office, the premier said the security authorities were "making every possible effort to uncover the perpetrators of this criminal attack. They shall not go unpunished."

EC summit ails over farm prices

THE HAGUE (AP). — After a three-day summit, leaders of Western Europe's Common Market yesterday completely failed to resolve a financial crisis threatening the 10-nation trading bloc.

It was not the end of the 25-year-old European Economic Community, but its leaders and analysts predicted grave monetary trouble in the months ahead. Political tensions also appeared likely. West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl called the failure "a bitter setback" and French President Francois Mitterrand said Europe now knows in all clarity that it is in crisis. An indication of the seriousness of the crisis was that for the first time a summit ended without a communique or a declaration of any sort. The summit foundered in large part on the question of subsidies, or support prices, for agricultural products which are in growing surplus in the 10-nation area with a population of 270 million. The subsidies absorb two-thirds of total market spending of about 25 billion ECUs (\$21 billion) annually. The summit failure was a particularly severe blow for British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher who had pressed for years for more financial discipline in the trading group and for a more equitable, long-term cost sharing programme.

Orgad predicts controlled recession

By AVI TEMKIN
Post Economic Reporter

The economy will have to undergo a period of "controlled recession" before growth is renewed, Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orad yesterday told the 35th convention of the Federation of Contractors and Builders. Cohen-Orad forecast a 10 per cent decrease in imports in the coming year without any further administrative limitations being imposed. The Treasury, he stressed, wants to reduce the balance of payments deficit by some \$800 million during 1984 and by an additional \$1 billion a year after. "This will entail a reduction of some 12 per cent in standards of living," he said. The minister said that the building sector will have to adjust to new developments in the economy and cut back activities. He called on the contractors to shift some of their efforts abroad. "There is no difference between foreign currency from industrial exports and from payments to contractors for building outside Israel," he said.

Christian group cancels hotel project in Gilo

By GREER FAY CASHMAN
and MICHAEL EILAN
Jerusalem Post Reporters

The Christian Beth Shalom movement has called off plans to build a hotel in Jerusalem's Gilo neighbourhood because it feels it is "not wanted there," the movement's executive director said yesterday. Beth Shalom has been active in aiding wounded Israeli soldiers, giving scholarships to underprivileged Israeli children and other philanthropic projects. Before deciding to build the Gilo hotel, it donated \$300,000 to build a mother-and-child centre there. Gilo residents mounted an intensive campaign against the hotel, claiming it would be a "missionary centre." The charge of missionary activity has been consistently denied by the movement's leader, Dr. Wim Malgo, and by Israelis who have been in contact with the movement through its hotel near Haifa. But despite the denials, the campaign against Beth Shalom continued. Last week, Mayor Teddy Kolek sent a letter to the movement which its executive director, Arno Froese, understood as a withdrawal of support for the movement's hotel plans. Froese, contacted in the movement's South Carolina headquarters, said: "I presume Mr. Kolek got converted when he got beaten up a few weeks ago" (in mid-October). He added that Kolek's letter had expressed objection to the hotel catering for Jewish guests. Mayor Kolek said last night that he could not react to the movement's decision not to build the hotel since he had just returned from abroad and had not yet had the opportunity to go through his mail. But he did confirm that he sent a letter to Malgo in Switzerland saying that the hotel should not cater to Jews. Froese said that accusations of missionary work levelled at his movement were based on misinformation and misinterpretation. "Our people are very careful not to be offensive," he said, "and we are prohibited by our own teachings from preaching to Jews in Israel." Froese challenged "those fanatics" who have accused Beth Shalom of converting Jews to produce the converts. "We are still unconditionally behind Israel," said Froese.

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Syrians down IDF drone over Bekaa

Jerusalem Post Reporter

An Israeli Air Force drone was shot down near Sultan Ya'akub in the Bekaa valley of Lebanon, the IDF announced yesterday. Drones are routinely used for reconnaissance. Syria said its air defences shot down two pilotless Israeli reconnaissance planes yesterday. Associated Press reported. IDF sources in Lebanon denied an earlier report by Lebanese radio stations that Syrian gunners downed an Israeli jet and captured its pilot in the Bekaa. Phalange radio reported that the plane was shot down and its pilot taken prisoner when a flight of five Israeli aircraft swooped over the Bekaa valley after the drone was downed.

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GENEVA	4	10	Cloudy
HELSINKI	3	10	Cloudy
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THE WEATHER

Forecast: Partly cloudy; possibility of light rain in north.

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Jerusalem	49	49-50	18
Golan	48	13-20	18
Nahariya	63	10-25	23
Safed	62	10-18	16
Haifa Port	66	17-24	23
Tiberias	56	13-25	24
Nazareth	46	13-23	21
Afula	46	8-25	23
Shimon	47	11-23	20
Tel Aviv	80	14-20	20
B-G Airport	74	11-23	22
Jericho	48	11-26	24
Gaza	90	13-19	14
Beer Sheva	43	9-25	24
Eilat	33	15-26	28

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Pinna Herzog gave a farewell reception on Monday evening at her home in Jerusalem for Israel's ambassador-designate to Canada Elyashiv Ben-Horin. Among the guests were Knesset Speaker Menachem Begin, Minister without Portfolio Mordechai Ben-Porat, Attorney-General Yitzhak Zamir, the Ambassadors of Canada, Germany, Sweden and the EEC and senior government officials.

Finland's 66th Independence Day was celebrated yesterday at a reception given by Finnish Ambassador Erkki Maentaakanen at his residence in Herzliya Pituah. Among the guests were senior government officials, members of the Diplomatic Corps and officers of the Finnish UNDOF and UNIFIL contingents.

The Haifa Rotary Club will hold a business meeting at the Nof Hotel at 1 p.m. today.

MK Abba Eban will speak on "Israel's Political Situation Today" at the weekly meeting of the Jerusalem Rotary Club at 1 p.m. at the YMCA today.

Kimche to Argentina

Foreign Ministry director-general David Kimche is flying today to Argentina to represent Israel at the inauguration of President Raul Alfonsin.

Petrol bomb thrown at military vehicle

NABLUS (Itim). — A petrol bomb was thrown at a military vehicle last night as it passed the Askar refugee camp near here. No one was hurt and there was no damage. Security units combed the area.

Body of missing man found

The body of 44-year-old Shmuel Reuveni was found at Motza outside Jerusalem yesterday. Reuveni, a nurse at the Talbiya psychiatric hospital in Jerusalem, disappeared on October 16. (Itim)

PLO

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Middle East stronghold. He also said Arafat would begin preparations to convene the 370-seat Palestine National Council, or parliament-in-exile. He said the PLO's legislative body will decide "the fate of the rebels. It is the only authority that can pronounce the verdict on those traitors."

Arafat is believed to have the support of the majority of PNC members. Wazir said that Arafat had sent a letter to former Lebanese prime minister Rashid Karameh, who is currently in Damascus, "with details of the evacuation plan and a request for a few clarifications. But we have not received the answers yet."

Karamah, a prominent Tripoli politician, has been charged with overseeing the evacuation plan with a group of other political leaders in the city. Wazir said the clarifications demanded by Arafat include the fate of the rebels occupying the camps after the withdrawal of the loyalists.

In Damascus, Karamah told reporters that "a final plan and arrangements for the evacuation" of the loyalist terrorists have been completed. "The next few hours could be decisive," he said. Karamah said a two-week deadline for implementing the evacuation would begin once the plan is announced.

HOME NEWS

Opposition blasts welfare bill

By ARYEH RUBINSTEIN
Post Knesset Reporter

No fewer than nine Alignment speakers yesterday denounced the Social Betterment Services Bill presented for its first reading by Deputy Labour and Social Affairs Minister Ben-Zion Rubin.

If the vote had been taken yesterday, the bill would undoubtedly have been returned to the government, since coalition Knesset members both in the chamber and the building were greatly outnumbered by the opposition.

But Rubin exercised his right to defer his reply — and thus the vote — to another day.

Presenting the bill, Rubin said its main purpose was to remove the stigma from applicants for aid.

Whereas the present law refers to them as persons in need (nikkavim), the new one calls them persons entitled (zaka'im) to assistance.

He said the main change in the bill is the provision authorizing the minister, in consultation with the

local authorities involved and with the consent of the interior minister, to determine that a given local authority shall provide social betterment (not "welfare") services to persons living in the area of another local authority.

Another change authorizes the minister to issue regulations requiring payment, or partial payment, for social betterment services. Rubin said that payment is now demanded for certain services but is "not anchored in law."

Nine Alignment speakers spoke against the bill, and several moved that it be returned to the government.

Article 7, which deals with investigations of an applicant's need for assistance, came under particular attack.

Yeroham Meshel slowly read out a good part of the article, which authorizes the director of a municipal social betterment office "to enter any place where there are

reasonable grounds for assuming that information is to be found that is required in order to learn about a person's income or any other detail connected with an application for social betterment services, to examine ledgers, accounts, documents and other papers, and also, under these conditions, to interrogate a person about any matter pertaining to this law, except that he shall not be entitled to enter a domicile except in accordance with an order from a magistrate court's judge."

The bill was also condemned for delegating too much power to the minister, by authorizing him to promulgate regulations on a number of subjects, without requiring the approval of the Labour and Social Affairs Committee. The Knesset was thus "neutralized," said Aharon Harel.

The question was not whether a person should get "welfare" or "social betterment," but how it has happened that he is not getting what he should.

IN THE KNESSET/Asher Wallfish

Knesset body slams defence official

The Knesset State Control Committee yesterday took the highly unusual step of unanimously recommending the dismissal of a civil servant.

The committee demanded action against the head of the Insurance and Claims Division of the Defence Ministry because of mismanagement, negligence and conflict of interest.

The committee found that during and after the Lebanon war the division functioned in a chaotic manner and awarded compensation for damage to vehicles mobilized by the Israel Defence Forces without regard to established procedures. It also recommended that the insurance and claims division be completely reorganized.

A sub-committee of the State Control Committee questioned the head of the division at length before the full committee voted on his dismissal.

The *Jerusalem Post* understands that the Defence Ministry is anxious to dismiss the negligent division head but also seeks to dismiss division employees who were responsible for bringing the irregularities to light.

Shortage of police

Nitzav Binyamin Barla'i, head of

the Israel Police manpower division, said yesterday that the police establishment is short of 800 people.

Barla'i was briefing the Knesset Interior Committee, as was Ya'acov Markovitch, head of the police division at the Interior Ministry, who revealed that the operations most short of manpower were patrols, investigations, and accident prevention.

Shoshana Arbely, chairman of the committee, complained that the police request to add 40 posts to combat drug smuggling from Lebanon had been turned down. She also complained that the Treasury has refused to continue paying for full-time guards and security organisations in rural areas through the Israel Police budget.

Markovitch revealed that the Israel Police had, of its own accord, transferred 150 employees from desk to operational functions. But he said the force would be hampered this year by a shortfall of IS\$500 million even though the Treasury had agreed to pay some of the cost increases due to inflation.

MKs pay

The House Committee yesterday took up a proposal by Yossi Sarid (Alignment-Labour) whereby every

MK who can afford it would waive at least five per cent of his parliamentary salary.

Sarid said that about 100 of the Knesset's 120 members receive a salary or income additional to their parliamentary pay.

Several of the House Committee said their parliamentary salaries had been eroded in value during the past year and hence they would find it difficult to cut them further.

Increased IDF call-up

Chief IDF Education Officer Tal-Aluf Yossi Eldar said yesterday that considerable numbers of youths originally rejected for military service on grounds of low intelligence were now being called up and given special training. He told a joint meeting of the Knesset Education Committee and Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee that five out of every six males who would previously have been disqualified were now being called-up.

Between one and two per cent of each draft were still being rejected for medical reasons, or reasons of low intelligence. Eldar told the committee that the planned cuts in the defence budget would make it more difficult to prepare these borderline cases for military service.

Reagan seen continuing tough Lebanon policy

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — The Reagan Administration will continue using its full air, ground and naval power against Syria and its Lebanese allies to drive home the U.S. resolve to protect its troops in Lebanon and to support President Amin Jemayel's government, authoritative U.S. officials said yesterday.

They said President Ronald Reagan has no intention of backing away from America's military involvement in Lebanon, even in the face of mounting criticism from influential circles on Capitol Hill and elsewhere.

If anything, they said, the President has become even more determined to stay the course in the aftermath of the recent U.S. losses in Lebanon.

White House aides recognize the potential for political trouble for Reagan, especially should he seek re-election next year, as is widely expected. But they maintain that Reagan has the strong support of the majority of Americans.

White House spokesman Larry Speakes yesterday told reporters that the U.S. was continuing discussions with Syrian officials "at a high level" for the return of the captured U.S. pilot and the body of the dead

airman. At the same time, Speakes warned the Syrians against mistreating the pilot, Lieut. Robert Goodman. Speakes said the U.S. would not "condone" any mistreatment, adding that the U.S. "demands and expects" that he be accorded treatment according to the Geneva Conventions governing warfare.

Special Middle East Envoy Donald Rumsfeld is planning to return to Lebanon this week to resume his mediatory efforts. But no one here was expressing any optimism that his mission would produce any real results in the near future.

Terrorist thought to have been exchanged still in Israeli jail

By DAVID RICHARDSON
Jerusalem Post Reporter

ZIAD ABU AIN, one of the convicted Palestinian terrorists reported to have been freed and flown to Algeria last month in the exchange for the six Israeli soldiers held by Fatah, is still being held in the Nafha maximum security prison in the Negev.

His presence in an Israeli prison, despite a specific and apparently

approved request from the PLO conveyed to Israel by the International Committee of the Red Cross, appears to be an acute embarrassment to Israel, judging from the reactions of officials who dealt with the prisoner exchange. It also endangers the ongoing negotiations for the release of the remaining POWs being held by Ahmed Jibril and Syria.

The IDF spokesman said last night that the IDF worked together

with the International Committee of the Red Cross on the list of prisoners to be exchanged and the name of Ziad Abu Ain did not appear on the list agreed between the IDF and the ICRC. The IDF spokesman would not comment beyond this announcement.

Abu Ain's family in El-Bireh was informed by the ICRC on the day after the prisoner exchange that he had agreed to leave the country and fly to Algeria. Later they heard rumours that he was apparently still in Nafha, where he has been held since his conviction in 1982 for a terrorist bombing killing two and wounding 36 in Tiberias. They asked Jerusalem lawyer Felicia Langer to trace him and she discovered that he was in the prison.

Abu Ain states in a signed affidavit that together with 11 other inmates he was flown by helicopter to Tel Aviv where, after changing out of his prison uniform, he entered a tent where at least six ICRC delegates were present.

They told him that his release had been specifically requested by the Fatah and that he must sign a statement agreeing to leave the country and be flown to Algeria.

After signing, Abu Ain said he was taken back to a bus with other prisoners and blindfolded again. "Then a soldier came onto the bus and called out my name. I was taken off the bus, put into a car and made to lie on the floor," he said. Eventually, after the rest of the prisoners had boarded the plane, he was

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managing director, told *The Jerusalem Post* that it is going ahead with the airlift, because of the backlog. If it does not send this backlog of about 2,000 tons by air, the produce will not reach Europe in time for the pre-Christmas market.

On Monday, the Finance Ministry approved a \$1 million grant to cover the additional \$350 per ton cost to farmers of flying their produce to Europe. Sea transport costs \$150 a ton. But Agrexco circles told *The Post* yesterday that this grant will be used up within 10 days.

Agrexco secretary Haim Keller told *The Post* that the company hopes to airlift 1,200 tons this week, of which 800 was originally to have been sent by sea.

The extra flights will be flown by CAL, the cargo airline owned by the farmers, which has chartered an extra DC-10 in addition to a Jumbo Boeing chartered earlier in the season.

Ze'ev Boneh, acting for the official receiver of El Al, yesterday asked the Jerusalem District Court for permission for El Al to fly the produce to Europe at specially lower prices at the request of the minister of transport.

The Haifa Port spokesman told *The Post* that it would take only a few days to eliminate the backlog.

Port manager Moshe Harel expressed confidence that they would reach agreement on the stevedores' pay demands within the 10 days the court has given them.

He said the problem of higher norms has already been solved and the stevedores will get an average 7-8 per cent rise. But this agreement will not take effect until the authority's demand for smaller work gangs, which will result in redundancies, is accepted. Agreement on this issue will also give the men another 8 per cent rise on average. The higher norms pay will increase basic pay, and the smaller work gangs premium will increase take-home pay.

UK to review position of troops in Lebanon

LONDON (AP). — Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's government will hold a top-level review today of the position of British troops in the Lebanon peacekeeping force, officials said yesterday.

The Foreign Office announced that Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe will meet with one of his deputies, Richard Luce, who was recalled from a Middle East tour yesterday as pressure mounted in Parliament for a withdrawal of Britain's 100-plus troops in the Multinational Force.

Speaking for the government in the House of Commons, Conservative whip John Biffen said the position of British troops was under "constant review."

"That review will take account of events that happen day by day, including the recent events concerning the Americans and the Syrians," Biffen said.

The Italian government, which contributes 2,100 troops, is also to review its commitment today in the aftermath of the U.S. air raids in Lebanon, the shooting down of two American planes and the shelling of U.S. Marines at the Beirut airport.



A Jerusalem woman in shock, following yesterday's bus explosion in the capital. (Rahamim)

BUS EXPLOSION

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mander, directed police operations on the scene.

The number 18 bus has the longest route in the city. The bus attacked was more than three-quarters along its winding trip when the bomb went off. Since the explosion occurred on a major north-south road in the city, traffic piled up throughout the capital for almost two hours as the clean-up and preliminary investigation took place. By three p.m., all was back to normal at the scene, the charred skeleton of the destroyed bus was in a nearby central garage, and traffic was flowing normally.

First reports from the scene said that at least one of two buses damaged caught fire. However, eyewitnesses explained that there was at first "a tremendous fireball, but afterwards no fire."

Photographer Eli Hershkowitz was the first journalist on the scene. He reported that he had "never seen anything like it. There was a surrealistic quality to all that carnage but with an eerie silence. There were no screams, no shouts. Just silence," he said that the evacuation of the wounded also took place in near-silence.

SURTAX

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A protracted procedural debate ensued, with Moshe Shahal (Alignment) asserting that a minister could not decide on his own to defer his reply; that decision rested only with the Knesset or, alternatively, with the chairman of the session.

This argument was rebutted by Akiva Nof and Ronnie Milo (Likud) and Justice Minister Moshe Nissim. Deputy Speaker Meir Cohen-Avidov finally ruled that the minister did have the right to defer his reply.

Cohen-Orgad said that the 10 per cent surtax would apply to about 14,000 taxpayers, who constitute about 1 per cent of "all persons who declare their income." (He emphasized the phrase.)

The tax on children's allowances, he said, would not apply to families with income less than IS\$75,700 in October 1983, or to families with four or more children. The maximum tax payable would be IS\$1,466, also at October prices.

The minister said that, together, the two measures were expected to raise about IS\$6 billion at Oct prices.

In the debate, which took place in the absence of A. Amoral (Alignment) said that problem was not how to give government more money to fix an overblown budget, but how to cut excessive spending.

Amoral said that the surtax: high-income earners would stifle a premium to tax evaders; a penalty on the minority of income earners who file no declarations of income.

Dan Tichon (Likud-Liberal) spoke against the surtax on income taxpayers, though he said he would vote for it. He said the surtax would yield no revenue and certainly not curtail public private consumption.

After Tichon finished (he was eighth speaker in the debate eight more members registered to speak) Shahal — was now in the chair — decided to postpone the continuation of debate to another day.

Court orders yeshiva to stop construction

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A Jerusalem municipal official yesterday served the Birkat Avraham yeshiva in the Old City with a court order forbidding it to continue illegal construction of an extra room, a municipal spokesman said.

Ike Kedem of the spokesman's office said that the city inspectors sent to serve the court order were not allowed into the yeshiva, but returned later with a police guard to deliver the injunction. Yeshiva students recently attacked Arab neighbours in the Moslem quarter.

Man beats 80-year-old

RAMAT GAN (Itim).

Police here yesterday set up roadblocks in an attempt to catch a young man suspected of beating up an 80-year-old woman in a robbery attempt. The suspect knocked on the woman's door, burst in when she opened it and beat her with a blunt instrument after she started screaming.

Syria aims to correct Middle East balance

DAMASCUS (Reuters).

Syrian studying ways of "correcting balance" in the Middle East following a recent U.S.-Israeli coalition agreement, an official Syrian source said yesterday.

The source, quoted by the official Syrian news agency, did not say what was meant by correcting balance.

In what amounted to a statement, the source said "to show their responsibilities" following U.S.-Israeli rapprochement.

Saudi delegation sees German arms

BONN (Reuters).

A Saudi Arabian military delegation yesterday began a series of visits to German arms factories and with Bonn officials over possible weapons purchases.

The nine-man team will inspect weapons factories, including Krauss-Maffei in Munich and Thyssen-Henschel in Kassel. It also will watch arms demonstration West German army camps.

הקמת מצבה

Memorial Service at the grave of

HONORINE (Honey) KRUMBEIN

will take place Friday morning December 9 at 9.30.
Family and friends will meet at the entrance to Har Harenuach Cemetery at 9.15

The Family

We deeply mourn the death in London of

AMY ULLMANN

(née Lunzer)
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Sons and daughters, England
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Brother — Harry Lunzer, England

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MORRIS S. ROSEN

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The burial has taken place in Jerusalem

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Son and Daughter-in-law, Dr. Reuven and Florence Rosen (Denver, Colorado)

Grandchildren: Eliza, Marc, Shira and Joy Rappoport
Dov, Tamar, and Jason Rosen.

Shiva: B. Rappoport, 11 Bavli, Tel Aviv, Tel. 03-457062.

HOME NEWS

Civil servants to boycott public next week

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Civil servants will strike the public this Sunday and Monday, the Civil Servants' Union decided yesterday.
 The union's chairman, Reuven Ben-Zion, reported on his recent meeting with Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orgad, said the union's executive committee will meet Monday to discuss the government's offer of a 17 per cent advance which Histadrut firms will begin paying their employees on December 18th will be eaten up by taxes, he complained.
 He charged that Orgad had failed to take into consideration that advances which are meant to compensate for erosion in take-home pay were taxed so heavily that little was left.
 He called on Cohen-Orgad to resume talks as soon as possible on the entire wage problem.
 The trade unions department also decided yesterday to raise the age of retirement of women employed by Histadrut institutions. At present, although a woman may retire at 60, mandatory retirement age is 62. Yesterday's decision raises retirement age by one full year every 18 months. Thus, in 18 months, or July, 1985, the age of mandatory retirement will be 63.

Ministry approves plan for spreading country's population

By AARON SITTNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter
Jerusalem, Galilee, the Negev and the West Bank are to be the main beneficiaries of a population dispersal plan approved yesterday by the Interior Ministry's National Council for Planning and Construction.
 Presenting the plan to the government, Ministry Director-General Haim Kuberky urged the adoption of "economic, administrative and legal measures" to reduce population concentration in central Israel, a concentration that represents a "gross imbalance."
 By the year 2010, says the council plan, Israel's population will be seven million compared to four million at present.
 According to the latest population census, 40.5 per cent of Israel's Jewish population live in Jerusalem, Galilee, the Negev and the West Bank. That percentage would grow to 50.4 per cent by 2010 if the government acts on the plan.
 The National Planning and Construction Council suggests a number of incentives to aid in this growth: bigger and better housing at lower prices should be made available in the "preferred" places, and more defence industries should be located in these areas to provide a livelihood for their residents.
 Parallel with these benefits, certain "penalties" should be imposed to make Tel Aviv and central Israel less attractive. Thus, state-assisted investment in new industry should be barred from these areas, state lands should not be sold or leased for further development, and state-assisted home construction should be kept to a minimum.

Ministry says all olim can study Hebrew

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter
 The Absorption Ministry yesterday accused the Education Ministry of backing out of a commitment not to close Hebrew-language *ulpanim* for new immigrants — a charge that the Education Ministry rejects.
 A spokesman for the Absorption Ministry said that Education Ministry director-general Eliezer Shmueli had recently told Absorption Minister Aharon Uzan that no *ulpanim* for new immigrants would be closed. But, according to the spokesman, Shmueli backtracked a few days ago, informing the absorption authorities that only immigrant children, and not adults, would continue to enjoy Education Ministry-funded *ulpanim*. Immigrants are entitled to free *ulpan* during their first three years in Israel.
 But the Education Ministry spokesman yesterday denied that *ulpanim* are closing. He said that "not a single immigrant" will be deprived of Hebrew study, and that "no one will have to stop studying because of budget cuts."
 The Education Ministry says that *ulpanim* which cater to non-immigrants, such as kibbutz *ulpanim* serving foreign students and tourists, will no longer be subsidized by the ministry.
 The Knesset Education Committee is scheduled to discuss the imbroglio between the two ministries on the *ulpanim* cutbacks today.

Confession challenged in Alterowitz murder

TEL AVIV (Itim). — The defence in the trial of Ronen Shani-Sagi, who is charged with the murder of Ya'acov Alterowitz, yesterday challenged the admissibility of a confession allegedly made to the police. Shani-Sagi, 24, and Gil Ben-Gal, 25, are charged with the murder of Alterowitz, an employee of the Moritz and Tuchler brokerage firm last February 20.
 Shani-Sagi's lawyers, Avigdor Feldman and Amnon Zichroni, maintain that their client's confession was elicited under pressure.

Ben-Gurion archives open to the public today at Sde Boker

Jerusalem Post Reporter
BEERSHEBA. — The personal and public papers of David Ben-Gurion, Israel's first prime minister, are being officially opened to the public today at Sde Boker in the Negev, where Ben-Gurion spent his final days.
 Ben-Gurion Centre director Mair Avizohar, telling the press Ben-Gurion had kept a diary for seven decades, from the time of his arrival in this country, said he knew of no other personal archives as full or comprehensive.
 The security rating of much of the material has produced a long-running dispute between the centre



Shulamit Shamir, wife of the prime minister, (left) congratulates Zehava Sabag, a mother of nine who was named "Mother of the Year of the Shmuel Hanavi Quarter" in Jerusalem in a ceremony held yesterday in the Pomerance community centre. (Rahamim Israeli)

Civil rights group reminds Arens of pledge on W. Bank

By DAVID RICHARDSON
Jerusalem Post Reporter
 The Association for Civil Rights in Israel has written to Defence Minister Moshe Arens reminding him of his undertaking to apply the law with equal severity to Arab and Jewish lawbreakers in the territories.
 The ACRI letter notes recent reports that the government is considering changing the law in the territories to ensure stiffer punishments for demonstrators and rock-throwers there. "We hope that this change in the law will be applied to all who disturb public order and break the law in the territories, both in the Arab and Jewish sectors," the association wrote.
 On Monday night, Arens met settlers from Har Bracha near Nablus and described the maintenance of order and the enforcement of law in

Stoning attacks, arrests in West Bank

The windscreen of a bus belonging to the Matzah Binyamin local council in the West Bank was shattered by a rock early yesterday evening. No injuries were reported. The driver and passengers tried to catch the rock-thrower, but failed. Soldiers searched the area, but no arrests were reported.
 Meanwhile at the Al-Aruf refugee camp near Hebron local police detained 12 young men on Monday night on suspicion of throwing stones at Israeli vehicles passing the camp, Itim reports.
 Those held are aged between 18 and 20 and are reported to have confessed. Several are said to have given information leading to the arrest of their accomplices.

Psychometric tests come under fire

By LEA LEVAVI
Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — In six years, Knesset members from development towns and poor neighbourhoods will be the majority in the Knesset and will abolish psychometric testing as a criterion for university admissions. Asher Eitan, head of Tel Aviv University's educational programme for community leaders from development towns, said yesterday, "I have spoken to members of Knesset such as Meir Shitrit, Rafi Suissa and Aharon Uzan, and this is what they predict," he said during a discussion on psychometric testing sponsored by the university's Student Association.
 Yossi Caspi of the university's psychology department, himself of Sephardi origin, said psychometric tests are culturally biased. "If I prepared a test which included items from the culture of the

No decisions reached yet on Ata dismissals

Jerusalem Post Reporter
HAIFA. — Management and workers at the Ata textile factory failed to reach a decision yesterday during negotiations over the firm's plans to dismiss 550 of its 2,600 employees.
 Company secretary Emanuel Solomonov said many more meetings would probably be required to reach agreement in principle.
 "It is very painful to talk about dismissing workers and it cannot be decided in a few days," he said.
 The works committee has decided not to make public statements during the negotiations.

Sulha arranged after Deir Hanna rioting

DEIR HANNA (Itim). — "Either make peace among yourselves or I'll arrest people right and left until complete order is restored," threatened Nitzav-Mishne Meir Sadeh, head of the Galilee district police, during a meeting called between this town's two feuding factions to arrange a *sulha* (reconciliation).
 The negotiation between the heads of the Hussein and Khatib clans followed a day of rioting on Saturday, in which 12 people were injured.
 Under pressure from Sadeh, the two clans eventually agreed to a joint declaration stating that a *sulha* had been concluded with the aid of the Israeli police.
 The feud began with the recent local elections, when a Khatib won and refused to name a Hussein as his deputy.

Haifa man held for embezzling millions

Jerusalem Post Reporter
HAIFA. — A well-known Haifa citizen has been arrested on suspicion of embezzling millions of shekels from government departments over the past few years, police said yesterday.
 The 63-year-old man, who is the secretary of a public organisation in the city, was arrested on Monday following a nine-month investigation by fraud squad detectives. His secretary, a 34-year-old woman from Kiryat Motzkin, was also detained for questioning.
 The man allegedly forged documents to obtain money from government departments, including the Ministries of Immigration and Absorption and Labour and Welfare.
 Police said their enquiries are continuing.

Ashdod man arrested for trying to post hashish

ASHDOD (Itim). — A 42-year-old resident of this town, who recently returned from Germany after serving a jail sentence for a criminal offence, was arrested yesterday on suspicion of trying to smuggle a dangerous drug out of the country.
 The man, under surveillance since his return, was arrested after a package which he was about to mail to a friend still jailed in Germany was opened by police. The package contained hashish, police said.

U.S.-INDIA CULTURAL EXCHANGE

— President Ronald Reagan announced on Monday that the U.S. and India have reached a special cultural exchange agreement under which major U.S. art institutions in 1985 will offer displays of Indian social and cultural life since ancient times.

Hotel refreshment prices standardized

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — A bottle of Macabee beer, which costs IS49.80 at a supermarket, costs IS137 in a five-star hotel and IS92 in a one- or two-star hotel, according to the listing of maximum prices for drinks in hotel lobbies published by the Tourism Ministry yesterday. The prices will be updated approximately every three months.
 A cup of coffee will cost up to IS92 in a five-star hotel and as little as IS64 in a one- or two-star hotel; a can of Schweppes or cola (IS51 in a supermarket) will cost IS144 in a five-star hotel and IS84 in a one- or two-star hotel. The cheapest "extra" on sale in a hotel lobby is a bottle of soda at IS73 in a five-star hotel and IS36 in a one- or two-star hotel.
 These prices include a service charge, but do not include value-added tax, from which tourists are exempt. The same items ordered from room service will cost IS92 more in five-star and IS22 more in one- or two-star hotels.
 Hotel circles said yesterday that the "extra" prices are insufficient to cover their overhead costs and also said they are not updated often enough.
 The Tourism Ministry last week sent hotels a circular reminding them that as of December 1 they must serve fresh orange and grapefruit juice upon request until

Vance speaks at opening of Dayan Mideast centre

By LEA LEVAVI
Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Former U.S. secretary of state Cyrus Vance last night called on Israel to halt the settlement drive on the West Bank as a step towards revitalizing the peace process.
 Speaking at the opening of Tel Aviv University's Dayan Centre for Middle East and African Studies, Vance said this should not be taken as punishment for Israel. "There have been sins of omission and commission on the part of all parties, more than enough to go around. Our diplomatic experience has taught us that the electrifyingly simple and inspiring act can capture the imagination of governments within the region and beyond. Of course, there is a possibility that the Arabs will not respond appropriately to an Israeli settlement halt, but I think they will."
 The "unfinished business of Camp David" i.e. the autonomy talks, must not be neglected because of the situation in Lebanon, he said. A dual track policy must be pursued which will work on both issues simultaneously, he said.
 Vance is in Israel on a four-day visit.
 Attending the ceremony were Moshe Dayan's widow, Rachel Dayan, his daughter Yael Dayan-Sion and her husband, Tat-Aluf Dov Sion.

3,000-5,000 Israelis are drug addicts

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Between 3,000-5,000 Israelis are drug addicts, Dr. Peter Silfen, a psychiatrist, and a member of the organizing committee of the Second International Congress on Drugs and Alcohol, said here yesterday.
 The congress is scheduled to open here on December 18.
 Silfen said he defines "drug addict" as a person who has lost control of himself and of his destiny because of drug use. It does not include regular users who have not reached the stage of addiction. In his usage, the term includes only those drugs forbidden by law in Israel, such as heroin, cocaine, adolan and hashish.
 Silfen said that his figures were drawn from a recent survey conducted by Dr. Kalman J. Mann, former head of the Hadassah Medical Organization. This survey showed that six per cent of all adult Israelis had used drugs at one time or another, but were not addicts.
 Of the 3,000-5,000 addicts, about 1,000 are receiving treatment, mainly at outpatient departments, or clinics, although a few are hospitalized, he said.

Court blocks lawyer's marriage to Ilanit

Model Anabel Tamir yesterday won a temporary injunction at the High Court of Justice in Jerusalem yesterday, forbidding her husband, Attorney Eli Tamir, to marry the singer Ilanit until it decides on her petition.
 Anabel Tamir has asked the High Court to cancel a decision of the Tel Aviv Rabbinical Court annulling her marriage to Tamir. The High Court has also ordered the rabbinical court to show cause why it should not cancel the annulment within 30 days.
 Tamir applied to the Tel Aviv Rabbinical Court for an annulment of his marriage to Anabel on the grounds that she had deceived him regarding her Jewish parentage. Anabel Tamir charges that her husband knew that she had a Jewish father and a Christian mother. She maintains that it was Tamir who persuaded her to pose as a Jew when they got married, so as not to have to wait for conversion proceedings.
 The rabbinical court agreed to an annulment on the grounds that Anabel Tamir, "dishonestly deceived the rabbinate and the rabbinical court by presenting herself as Jewish." Therefore it had no alternative but to annul the marriage. (Itim)

Mayor sets conditions for budget cut

Jerusalem Post Reporter
HAIFA. — Mayor Arye Gurel announced yesterday that he is prepared to cut the city's 1983-84 budget from IS5.08 billion to IS3.8-8b, at the request of the Interior Ministry — provided the ministry consolidates the municipality's IS1b debts.
 He is also demanding that the city's allocation be linked to the cost-of-living index to counter inflation.
 "We are prepared to accept the reduction in the budget if these two conditions are met," Gurel told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday.
 He charged that the government had been promising since 1981 to pay off the city's outstanding debts — either by consolidation or in a grant.
 "We are now asking for those promises to be implemented, and we have an assurance that the appropriate officials in the Interior Ministry will raise the matter with their colleagues in the Treasury."
 Meanwhile, the municipality is facing problems in paying November salaries to its 4,500 employees because of a breakdown in the monthly funding from the ministry.
 "We should have received IS250 million, but we have been told we will only get half of this amount. We will now have to borrow the remainder from banks and this will put an added burden on our already strained finances," the mayor said.

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HAPPY HANUKKAH, "DELEK"

Disunity at colourful Islamic meet

DACCA, Bangladesh (AP). — Black Africans in long white robes, Iranian mullahs in turbans and female Bangladeshis in bright saris contrasted with three-piece business suits at the opening of the 14th Islamic Foreign Ministers Conference yesterday.

More than 30 delegations from the 41-member Islamic Conference Organization attended the opening ceremonies in the octagonal national assembly hall in the parliament building known as Sangsad Bhaban.

The ministers and senior officials sat in horseshoe-shaped rows in alphabetical order, resulting in unusual proximity between the delega-

tions of warring Iran and Iraq and rivals South and North Yemen. Separated by a narrow aisle, the Iranian and Iraqi did not talk to or look at each other. Neither did they react visibly when Bangladesh military ruler H.M. Ershad said in his opening address that the Gulf war is "like a gaping wound, from which pours the blood of the entire ummah (Moslem polity)."

Ershad, chief martial law administrator in Bangladesh, was followed into the hall by four military aides. He received only light perfunctory applause when he was introduced and after he concluded his speech.

Ershad, whose speech was

preceded by a recital from the Koran, spoke in his native Bangla. Texts of his speech were distributed in English and some delegates listened to translations through head phones.

Other addresses were delivered in French or Arabic, the other principal languages in the Moslem world.

The delegates sat in green chairs, except for the foreign ministers or delegation leaders who were accorded burgundy seats. The carpet was also green, the sacred colour in Islam. Some chairs were unoccupied, including those of suspended members Afghanistan and Egypt.

Astronauts get OK to stay in space another day

HOUSTON (AP). — The Columbia Space Shuttle astronauts, winding down a successful science mission, received the official green light yesterday to stay in space an extra day to do more research and to snap hundreds of site-seeing photographs.

The space shuttle will land tomorrow at Edwards Air Force Base in the California desert.

Mission control made the decision after assessing that a storm front moving in from the Pacific would be clear of the Edwards area at the time of the planned touchdown. There had been some concern that the front would stall and force a return today.

Bonn opposition seeks dismissal of minister

BONN (AP). — The opposition Social Democrats announced yesterday they will ask parliament to vote for the dismissal of West German Economics Minister Otto Lambdorsch, who, it is anticipated, will be charged with bribery later this week.

The Social Democrats and the left wing Greens Party can muster a total of 220 votes against a majority of 278 by the conservatives and Lambdorsch's Free Democrats, thus giving the opposition motion no chance of success.

The Bundestag last week lifted Lambdorsch's immunity to enable the Bonn prosecutor to file charges accusing him of having accepted DM135,000 (about \$55,000,000) from the Duesseldorf-based Flick holding company to influence a tax decision in favour of the group.

Delhi police hold officers on spy charge

NEW DELHI (Reuters). — Police have arrested three retired senior military officers who are accused of passing to U.S. diplomats top secret details of India's weapons purchases from the Soviet Union, a newspaper reported yesterday.

The *Indian Express* said the External Affairs Ministry was examining the role in the affair of four American diplomats, including two still based here.

A U.S. Embassy spokesman told Reuters that there would be no comment on the report. "It is the policy of the U.S. government not to comment on such allegations anywhere," the spokesman said.

An External Affairs Ministry spokesman also had no comment. The *Express* said the three men were arrested two weeks ago. They are an air vice-marshal, an army major-general and an army colonel, all have retired over the past three years.

INVESTMENT. — Australian Deputy Prime Minister and Trade Minister Lionel Bowen, who is on a Middle East tour, said yesterday that he welcomed Kuwait's interest in investing in Australia.

Soviets intensify crackdown on Christians

MOSCOW (Reuters). — Soviet life under Yuri Andropov has become a lot tougher for many religious believers, according to westerners who monitor Eastern Bloc religious persecution.

They believe that the jailing last week of a Roman Catholic priest for anti-state activities was part of a wider crackdown on religious dissent, particularly Christian dissent.

The jailing of Sigitas Tamkevicius in Soviet Lithuania followed that of fellow cleric Alfonsas Svarinskas last May.

Both were founder members of the Committee for the Defence of Believers' Rights set up five years ago in Lithuania.

The monitors say Lithuanian Catholics have been picked on because Moscow fears a Polish-style revolt against its authority in

Poland decries Walesa call for economic aid from West

WARSAW (Reuters). — Poland's Communist rulers have decried a call to the West by Solidarity leader Lech Walesa to lift sanctions imposed during martial law and to resume financial aid to the country's stricken economy.

Government spokesman Jerzy Urban said on Monday that the proposal by Walesa, who said help should be dependent on the West having a voice in how the money was spent, was a gimmick.

Walesa spoke in the Baltic port of Gdansk, where he lives, at a news conference called in advance of the departure of his wife Danuta to Oslo where she is due to receive the

Nobel Peace Prize on his behalf on Saturday.

Walesa told reporters that the sanctions imposed by the West should be lifted before they caused serious damage to the country.

Walesa also suggested that the West, led by the U.S., which takes the toughest line against Prime Minister Wojciech Jaruzelski's government, should start pumping in financial aid again despite outstanding Polish debts to Western states totalling \$25 billion.

The idea was coupled with the proviso, clearly unacceptable to the Warsaw authorities, that creditor countries have a voice in how the money is spent.

U.S. helped Syrians get bullet-proof vests

WASHINGTON (AP). — The export of a synthetic material used to make bullet-proof vests for Syria was approved by the U.S. Commerce Department earlier this year, agency officials confirmed on Monday.

A West German firm was granted re-export licenses on March 30 and July 15 to sell Syria the vests made with a synthetic material that is subject to U.S. export controls, Dan Landa, a Commerce Department spokesman, said in Washington. Landa did not know the name of the West German firm.

At a news conference in New York, U.S. Representative Bill Green criticized the Commerce Department decision. "I am amazed and I am angered that we would permit this when our troops in Lebanon are being killed and harassed," said Green. "While the situation was intensified this weekend, the fact is we have been eyeball to eyeball with the Syrians and its client forces for over a year."

Guilty plea by N. Korean suspect

RANGOON (AP). — A North Korean army officer pleaded guilty yesterday to charges of murdering 21 persons in a terrorist bombing attack against South Korea's top leaders who were assembled in Rangoon's Martyr's Mausoleum on October 9 for an official ceremony.

Capt. Kang Min Chul nodded his head after each of four charges were read before the Rangoon division court — two murder charges, one for attempted murder, and the fourth for illegal possession of arms.

A second defendant, Maj. Zin Mo, refused to speak or to make any gestures when charges against him were read. Under Burmese criminal procedure, the accused does not have to enter a plea in order for the court to pass judgment.

The chairman of the court, Lt. Col. Maung Maung, asked the prosecution and defence lawyers to present their final arguments in writing before Friday when the court is to pass sentence.

The October 9 attack killed 21 persons, including 17 South Korean officials and four Burmese, among the four South Korean cabinet ministers.

Strategic arms talks recess

GENEVA (AP). — Soviet negotiator Viktor Karpov met for more than an hour yesterday with U.S. Ambassador Edward Rowny at the U.S.-Soviet strategic arms reduction talks, but he remained non-committal about the future of the negotiations.

"You will hear from us on Thursday," Karpov told reporters, referring to what is expected to be the last session of the talks before a Christmas recess.

When asked if the Soviets would return next year, Karpov replied: "I don't know."

The Soviets walked out of the parallel negotiations on medium-range missiles, and there has been an air of uncertainty about the future of strategic arms talks also.

Yesterday's meeting followed new Soviet charges that the American side is unwilling to reach an accord on limiting and reducing intercontinental missiles and bombers.

Turkish-Cypriot assembly meets

NICOSIA (Reuters). — The self-proclaimed Turkish Cypriot Republic's new constituent assembly met for the first time yesterday to begin preparing a constitution.

The elected 40-seat legislature in the Turkish sector of the divided island voted last week, despite strong opposition from leftist parties, to dissolve itself and form instead a 70-seat constituent assembly.

Under Article 52 of the 1977 constitution "citizens of the USSR are guaranteed freedom of conscience, that is, the right to profess or not to profess any religion, and to conduct religious worship or atheistic propaganda."

However, what is guaranteed by the constitution of the state, whose creed is "scientific atheism," and what happens in practice are two different matters, according to the sources.

Many Christians have reportedly

Parlez-moi d'Amour singer dies at 82

PARIS (AP). — Lucienne Boyer, the French singer who became world-famous as the creator of the ballad *Parlez-moi d'Amour* (Speak to me of Love), died in hospital here yesterday aged 82, her family announced.

Parlez-moi d'Amour was recorded in 1930 and was so successful that the now prestigious Grand Prix du Disque was created especially to honour it.

Martina amazed

MELBOURNE (Reuters). — Britain's rising tennis star Jo Durie gave world number one Martina Navratilova food for overnight thought as rain halted the Australian open quarter-final clash with Durie leading 6-4 yesterday.

Durie, seeded eighth, was the first player to take a set off the top seeded American since her con-patriot and nearest rival Chris Evert did so in the Canadian Open final in August. Durie surprised her great opponent with fine cross-court backhand passes and accurate volleys.

In the second quarter-final match yesterday, American Pat Shriver blasted Carling Bassett of Canada 6-0, 6-1.

Sports

Hanukkah gift to Maccabi RG

Post Sports Reporter
Maccabi Ramat Gan basketball club must believe in Hanukkah miracles, and in persistent effort. The club has been reinstated in the Korac Cup, one of the important European trophy competitions after having blundered their own way out of the tournament last week.

Financial problems led club officials to inform the European Basketball Association (FIBA) that they were pulling out of the Cup's quarter final phase. Less than 24 hours later they begged to reverse the decision.

One of the three clubs against whom Ramat Gan are pitted, Carrara of Venice declined to play, however, stating they had already made other arrangements.

But dogged efforts by the secretary-general of the Israel Basketball Association Amiram Shapira have paid off. In an urgent call to headquarters in Munich he managed to convince FIBA's general secretary Bora Stankovich to ignore Ramat Gan's precipitous move and to order all their original opponents to meet them on court.

The game against Carrara will now be played at the end of the month with the fortunate Ramat Gan side opening their challenge next week in London against Crystal Palace. "This hasn't resolved our acute financial plight but it comes as a great morale-boost to the players," said Haim Starkman, a leading Ramat Gan official after the learning of the reprieve.

Afula's light

Post Basketball Reporter

Hapoel Holon's Avi Maor lit the 6th Hanukkah candle during the ceremony that preceded his team's 15th round National Basketball League match against Afula on Monday night. But it was Afula's Doron Shefa who got the last light of the night on the scoreboard when he threw in a jump shot with six seconds left on the clock to give his visitors a stunning 90-89 come from-behind victory.

Holon, benefitting from Mik Carter's remarkable 10 out of 11 shooting, took a 48-40 half-time lead. But the home team's Osem Ya'acobi and Elimelech all got into foul trouble in the second half. Coach Malyniak decided that he had no choice but to switch his star to a zone defence. This enabled Afula's veteran Boaz Yanni, who ended with a goal-high 28 points — 18 in the second half — and Ari Porat (22) to shoot over the zon and to cut down the lead.

With 5 1/2 minutes left to play, Holon were still up 79 to 66. They were outscored 24-10 coming down the stretch, the culminating high point being Shefa's game-winner.

Maccabi Tel Aviv, up by as many as 17 points in the first half, slipped past Bnei Herzliya 89-79. While Bnei's box and defence "Maccabi" Mikhael Ben-David, 20 points, captain Lou Silver led his team to victory with 23, despite Bnei's great Dan Robinson taking game and league score honours with 36 points.

Brad Lind and Greg McCormick scored each to lead a well-organized scoring attack of Upper Galilee, who took a hard-fought victory 78-76 from Kiryat Motzkin. Rishon LeZion's 24 points and 10 rebounds were in for the losers.

Maccabi Ramat Gan, capped by Dan Janchewitz's 26 points, slugged off-setback Maccabi Daron 104-71.

Martina amazed

MELBOURNE (Reuters). — Britain's rising tennis star Jo Durie gave world number one Martina Navratilova food for overnight thought as rain halted the Australian open quarter-final clash with Durie leading 6-4 yesterday.

Durie, seeded eighth, was the first player to take a set off the top seeded American since her con-patriot and nearest rival Chris Evert did so in the Canadian Open final in August. Durie surprised her great opponent with fine cross-court backhand passes and accurate volleys.

In the second quarter-final match yesterday, American Pat Shriver blasted Carling Bassett of Canada 6-0, 6-1.

THE VAN LEER JERUSALEM FOUNDATION
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THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN NATIONAL IDENTITY AND POWER IN ISRAEL
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PROGRAMME:
Tuesday, December 13
PART I — BETWEEN IDENTITY AND POWER: THE TRADITION OF ISRAEL
Chairman: AVIEZER RAVITSKY
17.00 The book of Joshua and the tradition of Israel
YEHUDA ELIZUR
18.00 The place of power in the teachings of Moses and the Prophets
MOSHE GREENBERG
— Intermission —
20.00 Power, war and conquest in the teaching of the Sages
MOSHE DAVID HERR
21.00 Reflection of Maimonides on power
DAVID HARTMANN

Wednesday, December 14
PART II — ZIONIST ASPECTS
Chairman: UZI NARKIS
18.00 Zionist view on power
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20.00 Power and national identity in the teachings of Jabotinsky
ARYEH NAOR
21.00 Power and national identity in the teachings of Ben-Gurion
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Thursday, December 15
PART III — COMPARATIVE ASPECTS
Chairman: AVISHAI MARGALIT
10.00 United States
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MOSHE ZIMMERMAN
12.00 Japan
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PART IV — POWER IN ISRAEL TODAY
Chairman: ELAD PELED
16.00 Israeli policy and the use of power, 1977-1983
MORDEHAI BAR-ON
17.00 Conceptions about power in Israeli society
RAN COHEN
18.00 Frontiers of power in Israel
ALOUF HAREVEN
— Intermission —
20.30 Concluding debate: Power and the future vision of Israel
ELIYAHU BEN-ELISSAR
ABBA EBAN
Albert Einstein Square, Jerusalem

ENTERTAINMENT

TELEVISION

EDUCATIONAL:
4.00 Frank's House
9.40 Code Name: Leirus (part 4)
10.10 The View of the Ghosts
10.15 Cinema Newsreels
10.15 Cartoons about Spain in the Middle Ages
15.30 Returning Home
16.10 Music
16.25 Sunburst Street
17.00 New Evening — live magazine
17.30 THE HEBREW PROGRAMMES:
17.30 Lighting of the 8th Hanukkah Candle
17.40 An Smrits
18.00 Two Together — bi-weekly quiz introduced by Sefi Ravlin
18.30 News roundup
18.35 The Land of Dolls
18.45 Inventions and Innovations
19.00 Between Citizen and State
19.30 News
19.30 THE HEBREW PROGRAMMES resume at 20.00 with a news roundup
20.02 Lighting of the 8th Hanukkah Candle by Eli Ziv
20.10 Tilt Pop — pop and entertainment magazine
21.00 Nahat Newsreel
21.30 Melod.
22.00 A Fine Madness (Irvin Kershner's adaptation of Elia Baker's novel stars Sean Connery, Joanne Woodward and Jean Seberg)
23.45 News
JORDAN TV (unofficial):
17.40 Cartoons (18.00 French Hour (18.30))
17.40 TV 30 Hebrew 20.00 News in Arabic
21.30 The 30 Company
21.10 Documentary: 22.00 News in English 22.15 Hill Street Blues

ON THE AIR

Voice of Music
6.02 Musical Clock
7.07 Rosin: Wilhelm Tell Overture (Stokowski); Weber-Berlioz: Invitation to the Dance (New York, Bernstein); Chopin: Ballad No.4 (Mundu Katz); De Falla: The Three-Cornered Hat, ballet (New York, Boulez); Beethoven: Symphony No.7 (Kubelik); Piano Concerto No.4 (Radu Lupu, Israel Philharmonic, Yehudi Menuhin); Bach: Suite No.2 (Nicolet, Muenchinger); Bach: Cantata No.146 (Rilling); Brahms: Clarinet Quintet (Yona Etlinger, Tel Aviv Quartet); Brahms: Symphony No.4 (Chicago, Levine)
12.00 Youth Concert — In Spanish Rhythm — The Israeli Chamber Orchestra, Arieh Vardi conducting; with Mira Zakai
13.05 Music for Ballet and the Stage
15.00 The History of Music
15.30 Youth Programme — Jazz
16.00 Musical Dictionary
16.30 The Philharmonic Orchestra, Ricardo Muti conducting (BBC) — Mozart: Piano Concerto in A major, K.488 (Clifford Curzon); Berlioz: Excerpts from Romeo and Juliet
18.00 The Many Sides of Music (part 1, repeat)
19.05 Duet and Arias by Jacques Offenbach
20.00 Musica Viva — Yanni Xenakis: Aurora (to be played twice)
20.30 On Servants and Gentlemen — the history of opera
21.00 Schubert's Sonatas — Sonata in B major, D.575
20.10 Music with a difference

First Programme
6.30 Programmes for Olim
7.30 Light Classical Music — Works by Handel, Beethoven, Haydn, Dvorak, Schumann and others
9.30 Programme in Easy Hebrew
10.05 Encounter — live family and social affairs magazine (11.00 Poets' songs)
11.30 Education for all
12.05 The Hanukkah lights in Yiddish folklore (13.00 News in English)
13.30 News in French
14.05 Children's programmes
15.35 Music on a New Book
16.05 A New Beginning — without uniform (part 2, repeat)
17.12 Jewish Ideas
17.30 Everyman's University
18.05 Afternoon Classics
18.47 Bible Reading — Chronicles II, 26:1-23
18.55 Lighting of the 8th Hanukkah Candle
19.05 Levon in *Halacha*
19.30 Programmes for Olim
22.05 Literary Magazine (repeat)
23.05 Between Ourselves — live talk show

Second Programme
7.00 This Morning — news magazine
8.05 Puss in Sundals
9.05 Morning Star — Fats Waller
10.10 All Shades of the Network
10.05 Open Line — news and music
13.00 Midday — news commentary, music
14.00 Matters of Interest
16.10 Safe Journey
17.10 Economics Magazine
17.30 Of Men and Figures
18.05 Press Conference
18.45 Today in Sport
18.55 Lighting of the 8th Hanukkah Candle
19.05 Today — radio newsreel
19.30 The Middle East
20.05 Times
21.15 A Song for the Road
22.05 Songs from films and musicals
23.05 Quiz — with Shmuel Rosenn

CINEMAS

JERUSALEM 4, 7, 9
Eilat: The Genius; Eilat: Revenge of the Jedi; Hanukkah Trading Places 4, 6, 8, 9; Kfir: Short Romance; Mithras: Class 7, 9; Orion: Le Chai de l'Arme; Rona: The Twilight Zone 7, 9; Superman III at 4; Bambino in Egypt 10.30 a.m.; Rona: Another Way; Somewhere: Officer and Gentlemen 7, 9, 15; E.T. 10.30, 1.30; Binyamin: Ha'man's Murderous Supper 6.45, 9.15; Cinema One: Wizard of Oz 4.30; Man with the Golden Gun 6; Riders of the Lost Ark 8; The Professional 9.45; Cinema: Voyage to the Edge of the World 10 a.m.; Sur in Arbre Perche 7.30 (small hall); Le Journal d'une Femme de Chambre 9.30.

ARMY
6.05 Morning Sounds
6.30 University on the Air
7.07 "707" — with Alex Anski
8.05 Morning Newsreel
9.00 Right Now — with Michael Handelsman
11.05 Israeli Winter — with Eli Yarseli
13.00 Two Hours
15.05 What's Wrong? — with Erez Tal
16.05 Four in the Afternoon
16.55 Lighting of the 8th Hanukkah Candle
17.05 Evening Newsreel
18.05 IDF Magazine
19.05 Music Today — music magazine
20.15 Foreign Language Hit Parade
21.00 Mabab — TV Newsreel
21.35 University on the Air (repeat)
22.05 Popular songs
22.05 Tel Hisharon's Rehabilitation Department (repeat)
00.05 Night Birds — songs, chat with Shalom Arzi

TEL AVIV 4.30, 7.15, 9.30
Albany: Revenge of the Ninja; Bee-Yasha: Lone Wolf MacGuede; Cinema: Trading Places 4.30, 7, 9.30; Cinema 2: Officer and Gentleman 4.30, 7, 9.30; Star Wars II a.m.; Aladdin and the Wonderful Lamp 4.30; Cinema 3: Blue Thunder 4.30, 7, 9.30; Empire Strikes Back II a.m.; Cinema 4: Conan: King of the Barbarians 4.30, 7.15, 9.30; Life of Brian II, 2; Cinema 5: Psycho II 4.30, 7.15, 9.30; Return of the Jedi II, 2; Cinema One: Night of the Juggler; Dekel: Gabriela 7.15, 9.30; Drive-In: Bud Dugan Returns 9.30; Superman III 5.30, 7.15; Sex film, midnight; Esther: New York Nights; Gat: I Love You Carmen; Gordon: Danton 7, 9.30; Hot: Baby Love 4.30, 7.15, 9.30; Lay It: Local Hero 1.30, 4.30, 7.15, 9.30; The Way We Were 1.30, 4.30, 7.15, 9.30; Limer: Le Chai de l'Arme 7, 9.30; Annie 4.30; Mithras: Artist in the Army 4.30, 7.15, 9.30; Fighter Taur, Sun, 11 a.m.; Mograbi: War Games 4.30, 9.30; Only: Deadly Summer 4.15, 7, 9.30; Paris: Nagua 10, 12, 2, 4, 7.15, 9.30; Peter: Merry Christmas Mr. Lawrence; Shabaz: Flash Dance; Tchelet: My Favorite Year; Tel Aviv Museum: Vol; Zafon: To Regain Anger; Studio: Cinema 7.15, 9.30; Tom Sawyer II, 4.30; Cinema: The Arrangement 6, 8, 9.30; Beth Hachofsoth: La Passante de Sans Souci 8.30

HAIFA 4, 6, 8, 9
Amphitheatre: Annie II, 4; Piranha II: Flying Killers 6.45, 9; Armon: Twilight Zone; Armon: Lone Wolf; Cinema: Flash Dance; Cinema: Force Ten at Navarone 10, 2, 6; Cinema 3: Gamma 12, 4, 8; Mithras: Breathless 6.45, 9; Oran: Man from Snowy River; Orion: Flaming Touch 6; Orion: Local Hero 6.45, 9; Peter Pan 4; Peter: Merry Christmas Mr. Lawrence; Rona: Up Your Anchor; Shavit: To Begin Again 6.45, 9

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RAMAT GAN
Armon: I Love You Carmen 7.15, 9.30; Bedknobs and Broomsticks 4; Lily: M.A.S.H. 7.15, 9.30; Oasis: Trading Places 4, 7, 9.30; Order: Baby Love 7.15, 9.30; Boy Games 7.15, 9.30

HERZLIYA
David: Cinema 7.15, 9.30; Tiferet: Blue Thunder 7.15, 9.30

HOLON
Migdal: Yanks 7, 9.30; Herbie Goes Bananas 4; Sawyer: Return of the Jedi 4, 7.15, 9.30

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\$20m. order for electronics corp.

By MACABEE DEAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Electronics Corporation of Israel (a member of the Clal group) on Monday announced that it had received a \$20 million order from the West German Post and Telephone Administration for a 360 telephone line doubler units.

Deliveries are to be made during 1984/85. The TLDs will be used to double the voice carrying capacity

of existing trunk lines in the West German network.

ECI notes that its product was selected by the German telecommunications administration after two years of testing various systems.

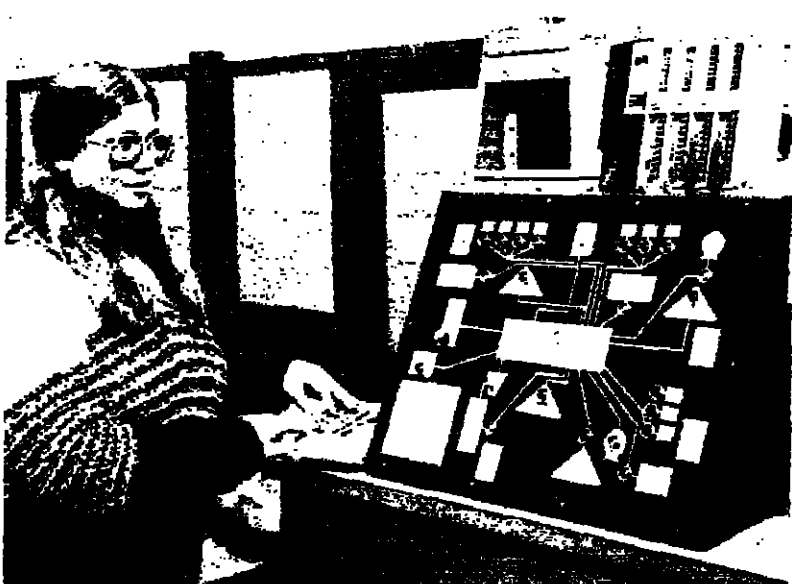
The Israeli company says that the TLD is easy to install, and its increased capacity becomes operational in a very short time.

In North America, the telephone line doubler is marketed under the

name DTX—digital trunk expander. It is used both by common carriers and by private end-users, to reduce the cost of leased lines, or as a cost-effective method of adding circuits to existing networks.

ECI's sales increased from \$2.6m. in 1979, to \$3.9m. in 1980; 10.4m. in 1981 and \$11.6m. in 1982.

ECI employs 300 persons, of whom 70 are involved in research, development and engineering.



Dalit Sagi, of Moshav Bnei Yehuda in the Golan Heights, with the electrical energy control device which won her first prize at the 1983 Weizman Institute Science Fair. Sagi, 18, collected her award at a ceremony at the institute, in Rehovot, yesterday. Her computerized energy controller facilitates the efficient and economic use of electrical energy by large consumers.

Eilat may get tourism boost

By HAIM SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Eilat's ailing tourism industry may be boosted up for the second consecutive year by discount packages for Israelis who would occupy the rooms left vacant by Europeans.

Tourism Ministry Director-General Rafi Farber is to visit the Red Sea Port today to meet with hoteliers and representatives of the Arkia inland airline and the Egged bus company in an effort to work out a package which would be attractive to Israelis. If the others agree, the ministry is willing to publicize the package.

In addition to its lack of tourists, Eilat is also suffering from the decision to close down the Timna copper mines and lack of work at the port. According to the ministry, the present tourism slump has been caused by cancellations by Israelis, deterred by the high prices and the general economic situation.

However, the ministry says all is well with the overseas trade. The number of weekly charter flights is due to go up from its present eight to 11 next week. But reports from Eilat have indicated that the flights are far from filled and that it would be, to say the least, unusual, for Eilat hotels to offer rooms at a discount to Israelis just in time for what ought to be the high season.

Last year the malaise was explained by the War in Lebanon, which reached its peak just as the season was due to get underway, but with an additional 200 rooms from new hotels, the town still seems to have difficulty attracting enough tourists.

In reaction to the move, Eilat Hotel Association director Moshe Pontremoli said that the hotels would have to consider any suggestion, keeping in mind that prices had already gone down in real terms by 30 per cent. He added that in any event, there would be no point in advertising such subsidies until after January 15, when the Christmas season was over.

2-tier exchange-rate system 'would cause economic havoc'

By MACABEE DEAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Re-introducing a two-tier exchange-rate system will play havoc with Israel's economy, according to Avner Ben-Yakar, Chairman of the Federation of Israeli Chambers of Commerce.

Ben-Yakar noted that establishing a low exchange rate for funds flowing into the country (not from exports) would slow down the rate of this incoming money. Some persons would even find "unconventional" ways of bringing foreign currency into Israel. Moreover, many persons, now saving in dollar-linked accounts, would have second thoughts, since they

would suspect that the authorities were "playing" with the exchange rates, Ben-Yakar said.

As for exporters receiving a specially high exchange rate, Ben-Yakar said this would lead to all types of distortions. Some exporters would fake export shipments in order to get the higher rate; others would try to export non-competitive goods which had become competitive due to the bonus they received on every dollar earned.

(The switch from the present exchange-rate system to a two-tier one which existed for many years in this country, was suggested recently by Avraham Shapiro, MK, in a speech before the America-Israel Chamber of Commerce.)

Real estate not 'a seller's market'

HAIFA. — The Maldan Association of Real Estate Brokers held its annual general meeting here yesterday "facing a period of uncertainty and stagnation," in the words of its chairman Emanuel Kogan.

Association Treasurer Joe Ben-Simon estimated that sales of second hand flats had dropped by as much as 70 per cent, but he was optimistic that real estate investments would pick up as the money being pulled out of the disappointing stock exchange would seek new outlets.

Kogan said that the sellers' market was over "and we must concentrate on finding buyers and advising entrepreneurs on the right time to sell."

The most urgent need was for a law to regulate the real estate business in order to protect the public from "unqualified amateurs."

PLASTIC ORDERS. — Keter Plastics has firm orders for \$6 million for 1984, according to Sami Sagol, managing director of the Tel Aviv plant.

Reforms proposed in citrus growing

Post Economic Reporter

The Treasury and the Ministry of Agriculture have agreed to pay \$1.4 to citrus growers for every \$7.5 they receive in sales if the growers agree to a proposed reform in the citrus sector, the Finance Ministry budgets division director Ya'acov Gadish told the Knesset Finance Committee yesterday.

The reform is based on a 5 point plan which includes picking citrus according to quality and not according to quotas; a 15 per cent reduction in personnel employed by the Citrus Council; and the establishment of a common organization by the council and Agrexco.

UK Amex group visits

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Some 20 executives from American Express, London, this week paid a two-day visit to Israel in what the company officials described as "an attempt to increase travel to Israel by the company's clients."

Fishermen want government to suspend sardine imports

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — A mass meeting of the country's fishermen last week called on the government to suspend all licences for importing sardines, frozen and canned, until the local canning industry agrees to buy catches from Lake Kinneret.

The fishermen's Union Secretary, Itamar Katz, told *The Jerusalem Post* that the Kinneret sardine season has just started and will last through February, with a catch of 500 to 600 tons expected.

But, due to the refusal of the canning industry to buy the catches as soon as they are landed, fishermen

had already been forced to deep freeze 40 tons of sardines, at a cost of \$30 per kg. — which amounts to over half the price they have charged the industry (\$34 per kg.)

The Defence Ministry, which buys canned sardines for the troops, informed the fishermen that it would buy much larger quantities of sardines, but the industry declined the grounds that too much work was involved, said Katz.

Katz said that as a last resort the fishermen would take their sardines to Jerusalem and spill them outside the Ministry of Industry and Trade to convince the government that Israeli produce deserves priority.

OPEC expected to maintain oil prices

NEW YORK (Reuters). — The U.S. oil industry expects OPEC to stick to current production and price levels at a ministerial meeting in Geneva this week, but questions its ability to avoid price cuts early next year.

When OPEC (the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries) meets today, it will be faced with slower than expected growth in world oil demand and weak prices.

Analysts expect OPEC to reaffirm its March accord when its 13 members agreed to limit overall

output to 17.5 million barrels per day and lower the price of a benchmark crude, Saudi Arabia light, by \$5 a barrel to \$29.

Most analysts see a decline, if comes, of around \$1 to \$1.5 a barrel in the price of Saudi light crude.

Most other analysts disagree with some recent predictions of sharp price falls, such as a forecast by Evans Economics of Washington that there is a 50-50 chance that "prices will fall substantially early next year, probably by about \$4 barrel."

Change in credit terms would 'push up prices'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Retail prices will rise by 20 per cent in the supermarket chains if the manufacturers reduce credit terms by 30 days.

This was the conclusion reached yesterday at a meeting of the Federation of Israeli Chambers of Commerce with representatives of the large supermarket chains, such as Hamashbir Lezarchan, Supersol and Shekem. The speakers said they also give credit to those of their customers who bought on credit cards, and that their net profit ranged only from one to two per cent of their turnover.

Every change in the conditions of credit granted to the distributors by the manufacturers would have to be passed on to the customers, they said.

Haifa furriers will 'innovate' to beat crisis

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER

HAIFA. — "This is not the first crisis we've had in the fur trade. We intend to get through it by innovation and investing in the future," Shlomo Kuehnreich, a leading furrier told *The Jerusalem Post*.

He was commenting on reports that several large furriers had gone out of business during the past two years and that many workers had been dismissed in the industry. A number of large European furriers have also gone under as a result of the worldwide crisis, caused by the poor economic conditions.

The Kuehnreich Brothers' company, which was founded here nearly 45 years ago, is one of the country's veterans. This year their exports, which amount to 90 per cent of sales, totalled \$1 million, down from \$1.5m. last year. But they have not reduced their work force of 20 and continue to farm out some work to subcontractors.

The firm exports mainly to Italy

and Switzerland and also sells directly to visiting tourists.

Kuehnreich said that he was more worried by the government's policy regarding the fur trade than the international crisis "which is bound to pass."

He noted that the "inflationary profit taxation" hits the trade especially hard because they must buy furs at the European auctions in January and February but sell the finished coats and stoles only the next winter, nine months later. The shekel value of the furs has meanwhile more than doubled, resulting in "ruinous taxes." The problem could be solved at the stroke of a pen, Kuehnreich holds, if the Treasury would allow furriers to keep their books in dollars, as the diamond trade does.

Three years ago fur fashions changed from the curly, short-haired Persian lambs to long-haired mink, racoon and fox furs. While most Israeli furriers had specialised

solely on short-haired furs, Kuehnreichs had always worked minks as well "and we had no trouble changing over."

They purchased the most modern equipment and developed their own innovations, such as two-tone mink coats, which found a ready market. Their latest innovation is a two-tone Persian lamb jacket, cut in an alternating colour stripes that give knitted coat effect.

"Those who can afford furs, not badly hit by the economic crisis. But they want something that woman who already 'has everything' has not got yet. I cater to them," Kuehnreich said.

Their latest project is a fur coat for tourists and sales rooms for annual fur fair for buyers in abroad, to be opened in the storey Haim tower in Rehovot. The tower is now to be completed having stood unfinished for nearly four years due to a dispute between the contractors.

A Kuehnreich coat is modelled outside Haifa's Haim Tower.

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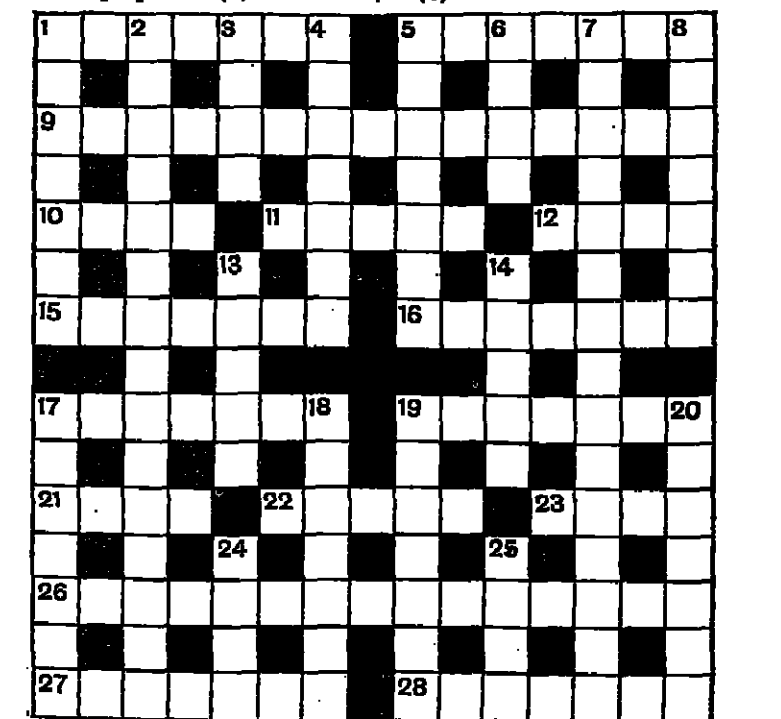
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| 1 A jolly group on the sleeve (7) | 1 Mixed bag—real letters for numbers in school (7) |
| 5 eg Derby form, 100-1 put about (7) | 2 Output of a criminal potter—one guilty of professional misconduct (15) |
| 9 Jason the dog? (6, 9) | 3 Great man in short having a bitter before ten (4) |
| 10 Dull retirement for Shakespeare (4) | 4 Air-beds blown up—arresting officers commonly use them (5) |
| 11 Beekeeper's winter abroad (5) | 5 Sloops for sailors (7) |
| 12 Burden—and where it appears always to rest (4) | 6 A duck-egg blue (4) |
| 15 Country folk, we hear (7) | 7 Among them, idleness; envy—said in a way! (5, 6, 4) |
| 16 Long shaft, pleasantly lit? (7) | 8 White gown first worn in church in mixed choir's opening motet (7) |
| 17 Composer sounding at home in the UK? (7) | 13 Orderly over hospital in Welsh town (5) |
| 19 Laughs at some of the thunder I despise (7) | 14 Tin and wooden vessel created by Lewis Carroll (5) |
| 21 Charity-openers fashionable leading feature (4) | 17 Dollar butter-cloth—that is very stiff (7) |
| 22 Skilful in cutting down a department (5) | 18 Five hundred sit about in fitful sun—they get tanned all over (7) |
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| 26 Protection for tenant holding back a tear? (4-11) | 20 Having this, one can turn nuts! (7) |
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Tel Aviv Stock Exchange
By JOSEPH MORGENTHAU

TEL AVIV. — After four consecutive sessions, over the course of which the prices of those bank shares covered by the agreement with the Treasury, were falling, the downward trend was halted yesterday. Union and Discount A were able to reflect minute gains. The supported bank shares, generally acting as a group disconnected from other sectors of share trading, including those bank shares not covered by the agreement.

The supported shares have often been while the rest of the market was falling and on other occasions when all other shares are advancing, this group has gone into reverse. Primarily this situation can be traced to the fact that the bank shares in question have become the object of institutional investment. Since the Treasury was able to refrain from intervention the only buyers were the pension funds and on occasion the mutual funds. The public has continued to be the seller.

Yesterday the rest of the market moved moderately lower in a major loss of profit taking moves. For nearly a fortnight now the prices of equities have advanced smartly, yesterday the time came to take some profits.

The General Share Index was down by 0.64 per cent while the index for the commercial banks was ahead by 0.01 per cent. For a change, not a single security was able to enter the "buyers only" circle but six wound up as "sellers only."

There were 74 other issues which fell by margins of more than 5 per cent while only 31 securities were

able to advance by margins of more than 5 per cent.

Trading turnover eased as IS123.4 million of a total turnover of IS461m. was achieved in trading of non-commercial bank shares.

Mortgage bank stocks were sharply down. Jaysour was 8.6 per cent lower, while the 5 shares were down by nearly 10 per cent.

Property and Building, the parent company, saw its shares trade unchanged. Other issues in the group were mixed, with prices moving narrowly within 5 per cent limits in either direction.

Industrial shares were only slightly lower. Elbit gained one point while Elron Electronics was unchanged. Alliance picked up 7.3 per cent. Arit was unchanged, Delta-Galil 1 was 10 per cent higher. Teva B was nearly 10 per cent lower.

Investment company issues were clearly lower. Amisbar backtracked by 9.4 per cent while Wolfson 0.1 was being dropped for a full 10 per cent. Central Trade was down by 5 per cent. Israel Corporation 1 stock lost 5.7 per cent as Piryon traded 5.9 per cent lower.

Oil issues also were down on the session.

Index-linked bond trading was quiet, but prices nevertheless continued to advance. The short term bonds were good movers with gains of 1-3 per cent visible. Gains of up to 3 per cent were to be noted in the 90 per cent linked group. The Gilboa dollar-linked issues were either unchanged or reflected small price changes in either direction.

The devaluation of the shekel was slowed somewhat, 42 agorot in relation to the dollar.

Building Resources announced that it was changing its name from Paul S. Goldschmidt Ltd.

The Israel General Bank Ltd. announced that it is preparing a new financing issue which will be carried out by way of a rights issue to existing shareholders. Furthermore, the bank announced that one of the companies in the Baron Edmond de Rothschild group will act as underwriter.

The American-Israel Paper Mills management announced that it is studying the possibility of adopting a steam producing machine which will be run on coal rather than oil. If the plan is carried out it will mean an annual savings in energy costs of about \$3 million.

The Mukluk Well off the north Alaskan coast, in which British Petroleum has the largest stake, totalling nearly 40 per cent, was widely expected to be a major oil source in the 1990s. Analysts now say it may become a total writeoff.

Operating from a man-made gravel island constructed in the Beaufort Sea at a cost of \$130 million, prospectors began drilling on November 1 and yesterday reached the planned depth of 2,483 metres.

A spokesman for the Diamond Shamrock Corporation, which has a 10 per cent stake, said, "The well found hundreds of feet of oil stained sands. However, there appears to have been no trap to hold the oil within the formation. The oil seems to have seeped out of Mukluk long, long ago."

Drilling will restart in two weeks' time to reach a possible secondary stratum at 2,900 metres. Depending on the results, further exploration may then be tried.

Commercial Banks

Bank	Price	Volume	Change	% change
IDB p	81035	2	n.e.	—
IDB B r	3620	190	+5	+1
IDB p A	22050	1	n.e.	—
IDB p A 1	2515	119	+35	+1.4
Union 0.1	2720	169	+30	+1.1
Discount Br	4740	48	+10	+0.2
Discount A r	4635	40	+15	+0.3
Discount p 2	3700	37	n.e.	—
Discount B n	350	120	+15	+4.3
Mizrahi p	1490	157	n.e.	—
Mizrahi p 11	2550	32	+40	+1.6
Mizrahi p 12	483	448	+23	+4.8
Mizrahi p 6	12700	1	n.e.	—
Mizrahi p 9	181	8	+6	+3.3
Maritime 0.1	234	1474	+12	+5.2
Maritime 0.5	177	2904	+12	+6.8
Hapoalim p	3150	1	+45	+1.4
Hapoalim r	3460	4000	n.e.	—
Hapoalim B	235	241	n.e.	—
Hapoalim p 13	4640	316	+80	+1.7
Hapoalim p 6	n.e.	n.e.	n.e.	n.e.
Hapoalim p 8	9470	3	+1	—
General A	3300	31	n.e.	—
General p 1	14500	5	+50	+0.3
General p 2	9000	9	+10	+1.1
General p 3	4795	n.e.	n.e.	n.e.
General p 7	305	183	n.e.	—
Leumi 0.1	1582	1875	n.e.	—
Leumi p 13	2010	1138	n.e.	—
Leumi p 9	2120	32	+10	+0.5
Leumi p 11	295	201	n.e.	—
OHF r	1140	11	+61	+5.3
Finance Trade 1	2130	10	+10	+0.5
Finance Trade 2	1115	7	+60	+5.3
N. American 1	2872	53	n.e.	—
N. American 5	1782	72	n.e.	—
N. Am. p 1	1030	90	n.e.	—
Donat 5	109	141	+5	+5.3
Donat p 2	278	50.1	+14	+4.8
First Int'l 5	301	338	+5	+1.6
FIBI	274	1323	+10	+3.5

Mortgage Banks

Bank	Price	Volume	Change	% change
Adanim 0.1	915	16	+10	+1.1
Gen. Mortgage	1365	5	n.e.	—
Gen. Mortgage	1357	1	+2	+0.1
Carmel r	1575	4	n.e.	—
Carmel p	350	13	+51	+15.7
Carmel deb	145	363	+28	+19.3
DevMortgage r	910	9	+10	+1.1
DevMortgage p	940	1	+35	+3.8
DevMort p	3665	12	n.e.	—
Mishkan p	3685	n.e.	n.e.	n.e.
Independence	1500	24	+20	+1.3
Tefahot p r	1420	1	+60	+4.2
Tefahot p	1390	12	+70	+5.0
Tefahot B	2800	n.e.	n.e.	n.e.
Tefahot deb. 1	515	4	+17	+3.2
Tefahot deb. 2	181	985	n.e.	—
Jaysour	298	298	+28	+9.4
Jaysour p	94	254	+11	+11.7
Merav r	225	673	n.e.	—

Financial Institutions

Bank	Price	Volume	Change	% change
Shilon r	136	266	+10	+6.9
Shilon p B	837	1	n.e.	—
Leumi Ind r	780	14	+3	+0.4
Leumi Ind p	786	1	n.e.	—
Leumi Ind B	120	43	+10	+7.7
Leumi Ind p 1	8500	n.e.	n.e.	n.e.
Leumi Ind p 2	7200	3	+200	+2.9
Leumi Ind p 3	223	103	+10	+4.5
Leumi Ind p 4	300	10	+10	+3.3
Leumi Ind p 5	632	56	+10	+1.6

Insurance

Company	Price	Volume	Change	% change
Aryeh r	348	46	+10	+2.8
Aryeh p	348	17	+20	+5.8
Aryeh sub deb	3000	5	n.e.	—
Aryeh 0.1 r	420	n.e.	n.e.	n.e.
Aryeh 0.5 r	188	23	+17	+9.9
Reisat 0.1 r	508	n.e.	n.e.	n.e.
Reisat 0.5 r	181	10	+10	+5.5
Hadar	170	214	n.e.	—
Hadar 5	103	434	n.e.	—
Hadar p 1	305	390	+6	+1.9
Hadar p 4	305	15	+20	+6.6
Phoenicia 0.1 r	1366	n.e.	n.e.	n.e.
Phoenicia 0.5 r	420	10	+23	+5.2
Hamishmar p	402	50	n.e.	—
Hamishmar p 1	398	14	n.e.	—
Hamishmar p 2	480	1	n.e.	—
Yardenia 0.1 r	279	29	+30	+9.7
Yardenia 0.5 r	90	73	+5	+5.5
Yardenia p 2	48	80	+6	+11.8
Yardenia p 1	110	10	+10	+9.1
Memorah 5	179	30	n.e.	—
Sahar	1300	14	n.e.	—
Securitas r	429	127	+14	+3.2
Zur r	1100	69	n.e.	—
Zur Hold. 1	133	446	n.e.	—

Trade, Services & Utilities

Company	Price	Volume	Change	% change
Galei Zohar r	320	60	+10	+3.2
Galei Zohar p	190	59	n.e.	—
Galei Zohar p 1	14	112	+7	+7.7
Dan	265	36	+2	+0.7
Delek r	1600	29	+25	+1.5
Harel 1	270	150	+7	+2.6
Harel 2	170	7	+5	+2.9
Harel p 2	40	35	n.e.	—
Lighterage 0.5	328	100	+23	+6.6
Lighterage 0.5	305	258	+13	+4.3
Lighterage 0.5	8390	n.e.	n.e.	n.e.
Cold Store 1	4070	5	n.e.	—
Israel Elec. r	7300	5	+1054	+16.9
Dan Hotels 1	532	47	+16	+2.9
Dan Hotels 5	345	52	+2	+0.6
Coral Beach	270	114	+7	+2.6
Israel Data	384	66	+6	+1.5
Israel Data p	500	1	n.e.	—
Teta 1	128	46	+12	+9.4
Teta 2	74	46	+8	+10.8
Ya'ara	1484	580	+140	+9.4
Ya'ara p	1080	400	+70	+6.5
Clal Comp	390	38	+25	+6.4
Clal Comp p	1000	66	+88	+7.7
M.L.L. 5	340	19	n.e.	—
M.L.L. 5	204	2	n.e.	—
Magor 0.1	135	98	+1	+0.7
Magor 0.5	135	4	+14	+10.4
Magor p 1	238	39	+10	+4.3
Bond Ware 0.1	345	39	+10	+4.3

Land, Real Estate, Citrus

Company	Price	Volume	Change	% change
Bond Ware 0.5	152	114	+4	+2.9
Bond Ware p	152	15	+5	+3.3
Yarden Hotel p	181	147	+1	+0.6
Yahalom	66	235	+1	+0.2
Yahalom p 1	35	40	n.e.	—
Nikuv 5.0	349	99	+30	+8.6
Nikuv p 1	92	99	+7	+7.6
Consort. Hold. 0.1	143	32	+6	+4.2
Consort. 0.5	76	40	+2	+2.6
Consort. p A	71	1	+3	+4.2
Consort. p B	41	25	+6	+14.3
Kopel 1	275	41	+4	+1.4
Kopel p	174	20	+24	+13.8
Crystal 1	159	62	+7	+4.4
Rapac 0.1	1085	3	+140	+12.9
Rapac 0.5	318	38	+10	+3.1
Superstol 2	1410	9	+10	+0.7
Superstol B 10	546	66	+14	+2.5
Superstol p C	268	1	+1	+0.4
Time 1	910	3	+20	+2.2
Time p	801	10	n.e.	—

Investment Companies

Company	Price	Volume	Change	% change
Dubek p	1680	8	n.e.	—
Dubek p b	1650	n.e.	n.e.	n.e.
Delta Galil 1	248	455	+23	+9.2
Delta Galil p 2	153	13	n.e.	—
Delta Galil p 3	126	n.e.	n.e.	n.e.
Delta Galil p 4	171	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1
Dafron 5	88	280	+10	+10.2
Dafron p	58	228	+3	+5.2
Dexter Chem.	153	216	n.e.	—
Dexter p A	74	288	+8	+10.8
Fertilizer 0.1	485	70	n.e.	—
Fertilizer 0.5	278	59	n.e.	—
Fertilizer p	130	248	+9	+6.9
Cables r	640	7	n.e.	—
Cables p	670	n.e.	n.e.	n.e.
United Spinners	123	78	+3	+2.5
United Spinners p	123	78	+3	+2.5
United S p	15	265	+7	+4.6
Hamasul 1	165	7	+5	+3.0
Hamasul 5	100	180	+4	+4.0
Hamasul p	170	1	+1	+0.6
Hatchof 1	293	62	+4	+1.4
Hatchof 5	140	74	+1	+0.7

Most active stocks

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Hapalim r	2460	98,419.7m	n.e.	—
IDB	3620	50,318.0	+5	+0.1
Leumi	1582	29,667.2	n.e.	—
Sharon Ind.	15,844.8m	n.e.	n.e.	n.e.
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Dutch guilder	31.8657	5.8994
Swiss franc	44.7038	41.720
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Norwegian krone	12.8604	18.09
Danish krone	9.8735	88.1743
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New York Stock Exchange

NEW YORK. — The Dow Jones Industrial Index was little changed yesterday at 1269.31, down 1.22.

Volume was moderate at 90.16 million shares traded.

Diebold at 74.75, down 10, following IBM corp announcement of a competing product in the automated teller machine market.

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Scourge of terrorism

THE MURDEROUS blowing up of a Jerusalem bus yesterday, for which the PLO has taken full responsibility, serves as a reminder that the struggle against the scourge of terrorism is going on, despite such successes as may have been scored in the war on the PLO in Lebanon.

There is good reason to believe that the perpetrators of the outrage will, sooner or later, be apprehended, and duly punished. This will not, however, eradicate the phenomenon of terrorism. Indeed, as military experts have repeatedly warned the nation, terrorism cannot easily be eradicated by strictly military means. What can be done is to minimize its incidence.

Proper vigilance by the security forces, and by the public at large, has in the past prevented many an incipient disaster. Yesterday's tragedy suggests that we have grown rather lax of late. Certainly tighter precautions in all places of public assembly are the order of the day.

At the same time it is to be hoped that this newest outrage will prove to all sides that the decades-long conflict can only be solved by political means and will not be taken as an invitation to stepped up Jewish settlement in the Israel-held areas. Any such response, designed to "show the Arabs" who is lord and master of all the Land, from the sea to the river, could only be counter-productive.

PLO hardens its line

IT WILL COME as a surprise to no-one that the PLO has come forward to claim responsibility for yesterday's outrage in Jerusalem. This follows a well established pattern, with the organization quick to claim credit for virtually any explosion or similar disaster in Israel — even when, in some cases, such disasters have plainly been the result of criminal, or purely accidental, causes. Another pattern followed yesterday was the PLO's claim that it had hit an "Israeli military bus," although many passengers on the regular Jerusalem Egged bus were women and children.

But what is worthy of note in yesterday's PLO announcement is that it was carried by the organization's Cyprus-based news agency WAFA — an outfit controlled, not by PLO radicals, but by Yasser Arafat's mainstayers.

This would appear to indicate that Arafat, while continuing to put out feelers to Jordan and toy with a political option, is prepared at the same time to "escalate the actions of the Palestinian Revolution against the Israeli occupiers," to quote yesterday's PLO communiqué.

The PLO leader has been under considerable pressure for some time to harden his line on Israel. His determination to resist such pressure all but led to his undoing at the hands of malcontents in his mainstream Fatah organization backed by two small radical PLO groups, Ahmed Jibril's Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine — General Command and the Syrian-dominated Sa'ika.

What saved Arafat's skin, more than any single other factor, was the strong support for his continued leadership of the PLO that he received from the two largest groups making up the PLO after his own Fatah — George Habash's Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine and Nayef Hawatmeh's Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine.

And it has been plain for some time now that Arafat is going to have to honour in some way the very substantial political debt he owes to Habash and Hawatmeh, both of whom have been highly critical of the PLO chief's stress on diplomacy and backed the rebels' call for a more militant line on Israel — even though they dissociated themselves from the rebels' recourse to internecine blood-letting to achieve this end. Could it be that yesterday's outrage in Jerusalem was just the first installment on Arafat's debt to these two — and the harbinger of a far more militant Arafat than Israel has had to contend with for some years?

DISASTER UNIT

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that all patients other than blast victims be referred to Hadassah Hospital, Ein Kerem. Two more lightly wounded people were admitted a little later, and we sent 12 people to Hadassah, among them one with serious head injuries and one with serious burns," Adler said.

"The serious cases were taken immediately to the intensive care unit. Most were suffering from severe burns of skin and respiratory system. Those with respiratory damage were placed in the respiratory intensive care unit and several others with burns were taken to plastic surgery," he said.

At Hadassah, the admissions procedure was equally smooth despite the many severely wounded among the 14 victims admitted. Of the two critically wounded patients transferred at the request of Shaare Zedek, one woman was suffering from burns over 60 per cent of her body, the hospital spokeswoman said.

Social workers circulated in the hushed but busy emergency room. They had the initial task of notifying the families of the wounded, and later that of calming distraught relatives.

Assistant Shaare Zedek administrator Nahum Pessin noted that "unfortunately, this hospital has had lots of experience in receiving mass casualties." He pointed to a stand holding white aprons with large pockets stuffed with medical supplies. "Those are always ready, complete with scissors, bandages, tape and any other equipment a nurse might need in an emergency."

From her cot in the Shaare Zedek emergency room, Helen Bernstein, 77, described what she had experienced, sitting with her husband Shmuel, 78, in the seat behind the driver. "I saw people lying on the floor," she said in Yiddish. "People took me out of all the smoke; they put me and my husband into a taxi and took us straight to the hospital." She had cuts on her lips and hands, and a large gash on her knee. Her husband, a retired Rubin Academy music professor, was lying on the examination table in the same cubicle. His face was cut, as were his ankle and hands.

Upstairs, in the eighth-floor plastic surgery ward, Rena Schwartz, of Kiryat Yovel, told *The Post*: "I was lucky, all I have are burns on my legs. I was on the way home from the hairdresser in Baka, but I guess I won't make it to the wedding we were supposed to attend tonight."

Schwartz had been sitting three seats from the driver when the blast went off. "I lost consciousness, and when I opened my eyes, I couldn't move. The woman who had been sitting next to me was thrown on top of me. I waited until someone pulled me out and then I was taken to hospital in a private car."

Just then, a man rushed into the room, knelt by the bed and burst into tears. Schwartz's husband, Zigo, had looked for her first in Hadassah and then come to Shaare Zedek. "No one notified me Rena was hurt. I just had a terrible feeling, I knew," he said as he squeezed his wife's hand.

THE IDEA of signing a free trade agreement with the U.S. is not new. Since the early Seventies, when Israel signed a free trade agreement with the European Common Market, ministers and other government officials have dreamed about the seemingly endless possibilities offered by the huge American market.

Israeli industry had been hungry for new markets for a decade already, encouraged by economic decision-makers to increase exports and thus earn foreign currency. In fact, until 1982, exports rose an average of 15 per cent a year. Over the last eight years, Israel's sales abroad have increased fourfold.

As for this country's trade with the U.S., Israel exported goods worth \$300 million to the U.S. in 1975. Last year the figure was \$1.2 billion. Were a free trade agreement implemented, the figure could be \$4 billion, and it is easy to see why Israeli officials seek such an accord. The idea behind a free trade agreement in principle is simple. The signing parties undertake to abolish tariffs within a certain period of time for a defined range of goods. But there are dangers in basing hopes for a brighter future on such an agreement.

The U.S. has never signed a free trade agreement with any country in the world. American politicians are well aware of the interests of local producers, and it would be naive to think that these interests will not be taken into account during the com-

IN HIS article "On individual and mass terror" (*The Jerusalem Post*, November 30, 1983), Prof. Benjamin Akzin took issue with an earlier article of mine ("For the record," *The Jerusalem Post*, November 10, 1983). Without intending any disrespect to Professor Akzin, I would like to reply since he did question my political motives and reprimanded me, apparently believing me to be a lecturer in political science, for nevertheless condemning all forms of terror. "Dr. Rolef's central thesis was that there is no essential difference between individual and non-selective mass terrorism," he wrote.

That certainly was not the central thesis of my article, which attempted to set the record straight on what Yitzhak Shamir had said to whom and when on the subject of terror. (And to set the record straight, I formerly lectured in international relations at the Hebrew University.)

I stated that the distinction between indiscriminate terror and selective, controlled terror was not a valid one, because I simply do not believe that once terror is condoned in principle that anyone can keep it within strict bounds. I did not analyse the theoretical difference between personal and indiscriminate terror, of which I am perfectly aware.

There are many reasons why selective, controlled terror is an illusion, and I should like to mention just one.

Even though most terrorist organizations have a core of

A second look at free trade

By AVI TEMKIN

ing negotiations between Israel and the Reagan Administration.

Officials at the Ministry of Industry and Trade concede that for more than two years, since Minister Gideon Patt first raised the idea of a free trade area agreement, the Americans have insisted on discretion. If politicians on both sides are now talking about a possible agreement, openly and loudly, it is because of President Reagan's public declaration in favour of such an accord. But the Reagan Administration is now facing a particular political constellation, internally. This is an election year. Externally, the administration would like Israel to act in accordance with American needs in the Middle East. Should this constellation of political factors change, it is likely that the U.S. willingness to reach an early accord will be tempered by a more careful approach.

In addition, by insisting that a free trade agreement is the key to Israeli economic development, the

country's leaders could very well be giving Washington a new means of applying pressure in future political confrontations.

A FREE TRADE agreement with the U.S. could strengthen certain tendencies within the economy. To the extent that Israel's industry is geared to exports, it will be vulnerable to fluctuations in the international market.

In the future it may become increasingly difficult to redirect Israeli output should there be a contraction in the world market. Large-scale unemployment in such a case would not be a remote happening in Europe or the U.S. Any rise in the rate of jobless abroad would be translated into a similar development in Israel.

A point to be stressed is what free trade may mean in terms of increased competition on the local market from goods coming here. It will force local industry to concentrate on those areas in which it is competitive, and to close down lines

of production that are less profitable.

The industrialists and the authorities are aware of this development, but apparently have decided to take the risk involved. Some weeks ago Patt declared that the experience accumulated by Israeli industry will permit it to compete with foreign producers. Local industry will enter a new era, he said.

LOCAL INDUSTRIALISTS are somewhat more careful in their attitude. They maintain that while the idea of signing an agreement with the U.S. is basically a positive one, the exact wording of its clauses will be crucial. Among other things, the industrialists insist that the span of time for implementation should be long enough to give the Israeli producers the opportunity to make necessary adjustments in their production. This will probably entail a longer period of permitted tariffs for Israel than for the U.S. and carefully defined exception clauses that will take into consideration Israel's geopolitical position.

The Ministry for Industry and Trade for its part says that the agreement is a most desirable development. Israel is currently included among those countries enjoying tariff exemptions granted by the U.S. on a list of 2,500 goods under an agreement known as the General System of Preferences.

But the GSP is based on law that will have to be renewed in two

years, and there is no guarantee that American legislators will grant the same exemption.

The ministry also argued that GSP includes quantitative limitations that put a brake on development of Israeli exports to the U.S. Thus if one country exports a certain article to the U.S. in accounts for more than 50 per cent of the total import of that item it is automatically excluded from the list. It was because of ruling that an Israeli innovation laser technology lost its tariff exemption last year. An innovation by definition is exported only to the country that made it.

There is another factor makes a free trade agreement the U.S. desirable. In five years Israel will abolish its tariff on European goods. It will then in an almost impossible position vis-à-vis the U.S. Goods from European countries (on which there often deep differences of opinion will be customs free, while the still be tariffs on American merchandise. Sooner or later Israel authorities will be forced to lower custom duties not on European goods, but also American ones.

In the final analysis, a free agreement with the U.S. is necessary, but careful consideration must be given to the dangers involved and to the time it will implement it.

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The illusion of controlled terror

By SUSAN HATTIS ROLEF

idealists, who are frequently also men of high principles, very few (if any) of them have managed to maintain complete discipline within their ranks. Besides the idealists, some more intelligent and articulate than others, terrorist organizations tend to attract psychopaths, criminal elements and weaklings for whom the macho aspect of terrorism is more important than any other. The rank and file of terrorist organizations are thus frequently either incapable of or not interested in making intellectual distinctions, even if their leaders are, and as a result deviations are unavoidable.

A comparison between organizations that have chosen personal terror as their continuous means of struggle when other means were available, and those who plotted to assassinate Hitler (they had no additional such acts in mind) at a time when no other means were available to Germans to dispose of the Nazi monster, is preposterous.

I am perfectly well aware that it is not always easy to distinguish between personal terror and other forms of political assassination, which under certain rare circumstances may be morally condoned.

The plot to assassinate Hitler was certainly one of the latter kind. I reject the view that the assassination of Lord Moyne was anything but personal terror.

Professor Akzin's article insinuates that behind my article lies "the desire to induce or strengthen disapproval of the prime minister and to further the chances of his government falling." My political views are no secret. As an active member of the Labour Party, I would certainly be happy should Mr. Shamir become leader of the opposition, but there were no political motives behind my article, in which if anything I expressed appreciation for Shamir's intellectual honesty.

IN HIS article, Professor Akzin made an extraordinary statement: "The bombing of the King David Hotel in 1946 also might be considered an act of selective terror, though the purpose of that action was to destroy the enemy's headquarters without causing loss of life. As against this, civilian deaths in the course of battle, with Deir Yassin as an example, are deplorable incidents of warfare, to be avoided as much as possible, but unfortunately

occurring again and again, and not properly acts of terror."

The King David operation as originally planned by all parties concerned, and as approved by the Hagana, was intended to be a symbolic act in which few or no people would be killed, and was designed to show the British that it was possible to penetrate the centre of their nervous system.

The IZL decided to go ahead with the plan, after the Hagana had demanded that it be put off, at an hour different from that originally set, at an hour when the building was full of people. The act turned into one of indiscriminate terror.

True, there was a warning phone call. But even had the call reached someone with the authority to order immediate evacuation of the building (which it didn't) and even had there been an ordered evacuation, because of the size of the building many persons would have been trapped in the staircase. The death toll might have been even larger than it actually was.

Many of those killed were outside the hotel, and were hit by debris from the blast.

With regards to Deir Yassin, we know from eye witnesses — one of them was Meir Pa'il, who was sent by the Hagana to observe the fighting quality of the IZL and Lehi as a factor to be considered in the possible integration into the army of the future state — that the massacre took place after the fighting was over, and after a Hagana unit, which had been called in to silence Arab sources of fire, had departed.

I have seen the photographs taken at Deir Yassin and strongly advise anyone from refraining from talking of what went on there as a "deplorable incident of warfare." That is a deplorable euphemism for the worst act of indiscriminate terror performed by the dissidents.

The final point which I should like to make does not concern Prof. Akzin's article but some further information which I have gathered on the Shamir-Bethell episode. During a recent visit to London I had a long chat with Lord Bethell who was totally unaware of the commotion which his article had caused in Israel.

He explained to me that his own article on Moyne had been

motivated by a news item in *Time* that had quoted Shamir's quotation of what he had said about Lord Moyne in his book *Palestine Triangle*. As a result Bethell faced a barrage of calls asking him how he could possibly support the assassination of Lord Moyne, which was the action which seemed to emerge what Shamir had told Nakhla his *Yediot Aharanot* interview to be 14.

What Bethell had in fact said was as follows:

"Moyne had earned the particular dislike of Jewish militia had been colonial secretary the ill-fated *Siruma* reached the end, and though they could be sure of this, had urged the *Turn* it back into the Black Sea June 9, 1942, while briefly out of government, he had said House of Lords: 'The Zionists has raised two main issues: the demand for large-scale immigration into an already overcrowded country; secondly, racial discrimination by these newcomers over original inhabitants.' He had observed that most Ashkenaz were racially mixed and that scale Jewish immigration Palestine was an impact dream. Zionists took great of at his words. They also blame personally for Britain's failure rescue European Jewry and apocryphal (having no author — SHR) remark: 'What would with a million Jews?' In an Israeli literature he is frequently described as a war criminal anti-Semite." He then went on to quote Yalin-Mor on why he was chosen as a target and Churchill who was out of the reach.

Bethell is, in fact, opposed to terror, against which he speaks acts within the framework of European Parliament. In Foreign Office circles regarded as pro-Israeli — sin article appeared in *The Times* been regarded by some Israeli officials as an enemy. I know Bethell as a sincere friend of and an active supporter of the gle for Soviet Jewry.

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READERS' LETTERS

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post*:

Sir, — Macabee Dean sees in a high degree of unemployment a panacea for at least part of our economic troubles ("Necessity of unemployment" — November 17).

As a student in the twenties in Germany, I saw the misery of hundreds of able-bodied men queuing up before the labour exchange and being sent away day after day empty-handed and living on a miserable dole. As a result, I reached the conclusion that, excepting war and pestilence, mass unemployment is the greatest disaster possible.

Does Mr. Dean think of the situation of a father sitting at home, humiliated before his wife and children for being cast away from the world of labour as redundant? Does he think of the returning soldiers who will be denied the right to work, and of the young thrown on the streets, idle and *valens volens* an easy prey to lawlessness? After all, the Nazi party's storm troopers and SS men were mainly recruited from this class of idle unemployed.

I cannot even think of a situation of mass unemployment in our country without shuddering at the possible consequences of such a social disaster.

MORDECHAI NOY

Ramat Gan.

Sir, — Macabee Dean repeats the widespread misconception that "the average Israeli worker in production has an output much lower than that of most of his contemporaries in the West." The output of a worker is not determined so much by the amount of coffee-breaks he takes, but by the efficiency of the machinery at his disposal. On the average, the Israeli industry does not lag behind the West in terms of modern equipment and automation. The main reason for statistical data on lower output per worker is based on the fact that the Israeli worker spends between 10 and 15 per cent of his time performing reserve duty in the army.

The other misconception of Mr. Dean is considering the entire service sector as "unproductive." The service sector serving tourism (hotels, restaurants, shops, entertainment, touring services, etc.) brings in more net dollars than any branch of industry or agriculture. While it is true that the bloated bureaucracy should be drastically reduced, one should not lose sight

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of the fact that the entire West is now entering a post-industrial era, in which progress manifests itself in the growth of the service sector at the expense of industrial manpower.

DR. JACOB ROSIN

Netanya.

Macabee Dean comments:

We all agree, I hope, on several things: there can be no greater humiliation for an able-bodied man, who can work and wants to work, than not being able to find work. But terrible as unemployment may be, there are degrees. Mild unemployment is preferable to massive unemployment. And if the present dilapidated economic structure is not altered through mild unemployment, then massive unemployment is inevitable.

In answer to Mordechai Noy, I wish to stress that nowhere in my article did I recommend mass unemployment. But even if it does develop, there is no reason why it should lead to a Nazi-like movement. At least things developed differently in the U.S., England, etc., where unemployment was also rife at the same period. (The fear in Israel is that it may lead to emigration and a huge drop in immigration.)

As to Dr. Jacob Rosin's letter, according to the Productivity Institute, the average Israeli worker produces (and also gets paid) about half of his contemporary in the West. One reason is reserve duty, but other very important factors are: lack of a work ethic; failure to work a second shift; absenteeism; bad management; poor physical facilities; a month of paid sick leave which many exploit unnecessarily; numerous Jewish holidays and preparing for, and resting up after these holidays; and a faulty in-

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frastructure (roads, telephones, delivery of supplies), and so on. With the exception of reserve duty, all other factors can be improved considerably.

Tourism is certainly a prime foreign currency earner, and this service is fighting for full recognition as a "productive" sector. Another service which could become a foreign currency earner is medicine, for the facilities and specialists certainly exist in Israel. A strict differentiation must be made between types of services; my reference was to the clerks who shuffle papers around.

He explained to me that his own article on Moyne had been

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